

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Churchill And Retirement

It seems, alas, not so much a question now of will Sir Winston Churchill retire, (the current question about a year ago) but when. The feeling in London today is that it will be but a matter of months before he passes over the reins of Government to a younger man. And his departure will mark the end of a Prime Ministerial era which has not been surpassed in British history. As a politician his career has been chequered with controversy and brilliance. His rhetoric, his characteristic "Churchillisms" have endeared him to political friend and foe alike. His steadfast faith in the Allied cause during the last war, his leadership of the British people through the darkest hours of 1941 and later years when flying bombs rained on London was the Empire's secret weapon which carried it to final victory. As a wartime leader he was certainly greater than Lloyd George. And as a Prime Minister in war and peace he is the equal of Pitt, Disraeli and Gladstone. His successor who is expected to be either Mr Anthony Eden or the Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr R. A. Butler will certainly lack the colour that has surrounded the man who has epitomised the bulldog spirit of the British. His successor may well wish for Churchill's huge capacity for hard work and concentration, and the doggedness to carry through his plans against all opposition. They could also wish for his ability to attend to and grapple with almost every political problem, for the firm grip he held on his party, for the devotion of the party and the people.

It is said Sir Winston is hoping for a final triumph, a blaze of glory to mark the end of his career (although it is doubtful whether he sees it in quite the same light) and that is the holding of a high-level meeting of the Big Three leaders—Malenkov, Eisenhower and Churchill—in an attempt to break down the barriers between East and West, to ease the tension between the two great power blocs. In this endeavour he knows he has the sincere best wishes of the whole world. But his career would be none the less brilliant if the venture failed. He would hand on a Crusader's Challenge to ennoble his successor. Britons all over the world were probably not surprised to read that it was the Daily Mirror which recently found Sir Winston "a disaster to his party and the country". Knowing the Mirror's record of outspokenness and deliberate provocation it would be idle to suggest that this latest attack on the Prime Minister is out of sheer pique and vindictiveness, the result of a sore still festering from the war years. It is true Sir Winston's health has been the cause of concern to his doctors and cabinet ministers but for the Mirror to suggest he lives in the past is to leave itself open for the censure of the whole world, if not a good proportion of its own readers as well. In the light of his long record in politics, it was a captious and frivolous remark. The Churchill spirit is such that he will probably disregard everything to achieve peace for the world, and that he will go on striving until the very end. His tenacity has carried him through greater trials in the past, and if he feels he can make this last supreme bid he should not be discouraged, remembering what is at stake. For he pledged himself to this life 53 years ago and the world will wait for the great climax, with hope only for his success.

Molotov's "Good Faith" Promise To Big Three

Not Committed To 5-Power Talks

Berlin, Jan. 26. Acceptance by the three Western Foreign Ministers of the Soviet agenda today certainly did not mean that they would agree to five-power talks, circles in the three delegations pointed out tonight. They added that, if there was no agreement on China, which was quite likely, then the conference would move on to the next point—Germany. And if there was no agreement on Germany, then on to the third point—Austria (first on the Western agenda)—France—Prussia.

New Threat By Vietminhese

Hanoi, Jan. 26. Communist rebels launched a new threat at French positions in Central Laos tonight, cutting the main East-West highway and attacking several hill garrisons. French headquarters said two separate Vietminh battalions were rampaging along Highway 9, between French-held Savannakhet on the Thai border and Quangtri on the coast. They were reported destroying bridges, raiding villages and menacing the isolated Loyalist posts left along the road to keep supplies flowing to the interior. With a Communist attack still expected "at any minute" on Dien Bien Phu in Northern Laos, timed with the Berlin conference, France-Vietnamese relations marked good progress in their "Operation Atlantic" to clean the Reds out of a huge section of Southern Annam. One French column which advanced 50 miles eastward over the precipitous Annamite mountains joined up with the Tay Hoa bridghead force to bite off a fresh chunk of enemy territory. Another spearhead, trying to get North from Nhatrang along the mountainous Mandarin road, reported more than 600 mines and man-traps in one five-mile stretch. Engineers were forced to rebuild the roadbed, wrecked by Communist demolitions, under cover of the advance—United Press.

Pope To Have A Physical Check-Up

Vatican City, Jan. 26. Vatican sources disclosed tonight that Pope Pius XII, who is suffering from a seizure of hiccoughs, a slight fever and fatigue, has been ordered to undergo a complete physical check-up by a team of Rome doctors. All Vatican sources emphasized that there was no immediate concern about the health of the Pope but they said that routine precautions were being taken. The sources said that the Pope had bowed with great reluctance to the orders of his doctors and advice to suspend temporarily general audiences and curial some of his activities. The Pope two days ago developed a prolonged seizure of hiccoughs, continuing from a gastric disorder—United Press.

DOESN'T WANT A POLEMICAL DEBATE

Berlin, Jan. 26. Fortified with complete Western acceptance of his proposed agenda for the four-power foreign ministers' conference in Berlin, a "victorious" Soviet Foreign Minister tonight pledged his country's good faith in attempting to ease international tension—and introduced a resolution calling for the convening of a five-power conference with Communist China in May or June this year. Placed at the head of his agenda yesterday, M. Vyacheslav Molotov made his proposal for a five-power conference immediately after the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had agreed to the Soviet agenda but had expressed his opposition to any talks with Communist China. Adopting a more conciliatory tone, M. Molotov told the three Western foreign ministers that his placing of the items on the Soviet agenda—five-power talks with Communist China, Germany and Austria—had been made solely to decrease international tension, to eliminate the cause of conflict and to develop economic and international relations within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

"China is a great power, deserving respect," said M. Molotov. He cautioned these Western ministers that if they refused to recognize this fact, that if they persevered in this attitude, they might find themselves in "a very unpleasant situation." Earlier, the Soviet Foreign Minister said that he did not wish to engage in a polemical debate. He would need time, he said, for a detailed study of the speeches made yesterday by French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden. Using moderate tones, M. Molotov said he could emphasize the divergences between the British and French points of view, but he would not do this. He said that he agreed with M. Bidault that the problems of Korea and Austria could not be treated simultaneously. But, he declared, these problems, nevertheless, formed parts of a whole. Indicating that no compromise was possible on Germany, M. Molotov said if that were the case, the conference could just as well be closed now. But, he continued, it was possible to examine problems which had reached a mature stage of development, leaving for later the problems which still presented only general possibilities of a solution. Referring to German and European security, the Soviet Foreign Minister said that discussions would be held for as long a period of time as necessary. He acknowledged the fact that, today, certain stipulations in the Potsdam agreement were null and void (the first time any Soviet spokesman has made such a statement), but the objective was still the same: to give Germany a peaceful and democratic status. It would be wrong, M. Molotov said, to take lightly the significance which these agreements still had.

A NOBLE TASK M. Molotov said he agreed on the necessity to end Franco-German animosity and said that the USSR "to ensure" a lasting association among these three great continental powers. But this, he said, was a noble task. He said this did not exclude solid relations with Great Britain and the United States. Just before the conference resumed, Mr Anthony Eden, in reply to M. Molotov, said that he was not opposed to a conference on Germany—except on the question of free German elections. "Stating that he was entirely in agreement with the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, Mr Eden turned towards M. Molotov and expressed his intention to talk in a conciliatory spirit. He said he hoped there would be a competition between Mr. Molotov and himself in the encouragement of the spirit of conciliation. 'Who, he asked, will be the most conciliatory?' M. Molotov or I?"—France Press.

New President Takes Office

M. Rene Coty, the new French President, is seen above signing the official document proclaiming him President of the Republic.



US Senate Ratifies Treaty With S. Korea

Washington, Jan. 26. The United States Senate today ratified a mutual defence treaty with South Korea under which the two countries promise to act jointly to meet any Communist military aggression. The treaty would also strengthen the Pacific security system. It was sent to President Eisenhower for his signature to become law. The treaty had already been ratified by the Korean Republic.

However, the Senate inserted in its resolution on the ratification an interpretative clause stating that the treaty's mutual aid provisions would not apply if South Korea itself started a new war by attacking the north. This does not affect the actual treaty articles. The clause was adopted at the insistence of Senators who feared that President Syngman Rhee might initiate independent military action to reunify Korea. The final count on ratification was 81 votes to six. Under the treaty, the United States and South Korea pledged themselves to act jointly to meet any new Communist military aggression. The articles of the treaty also obligated the parties to refrain from force or threat of force in their relations with other nations, to consult together in an attack threatened and to maintain and develop through mutual aid their collective strength to repel armed attack. Subject to mutual agreement, the United States was granted the right to station troops in South Korea.

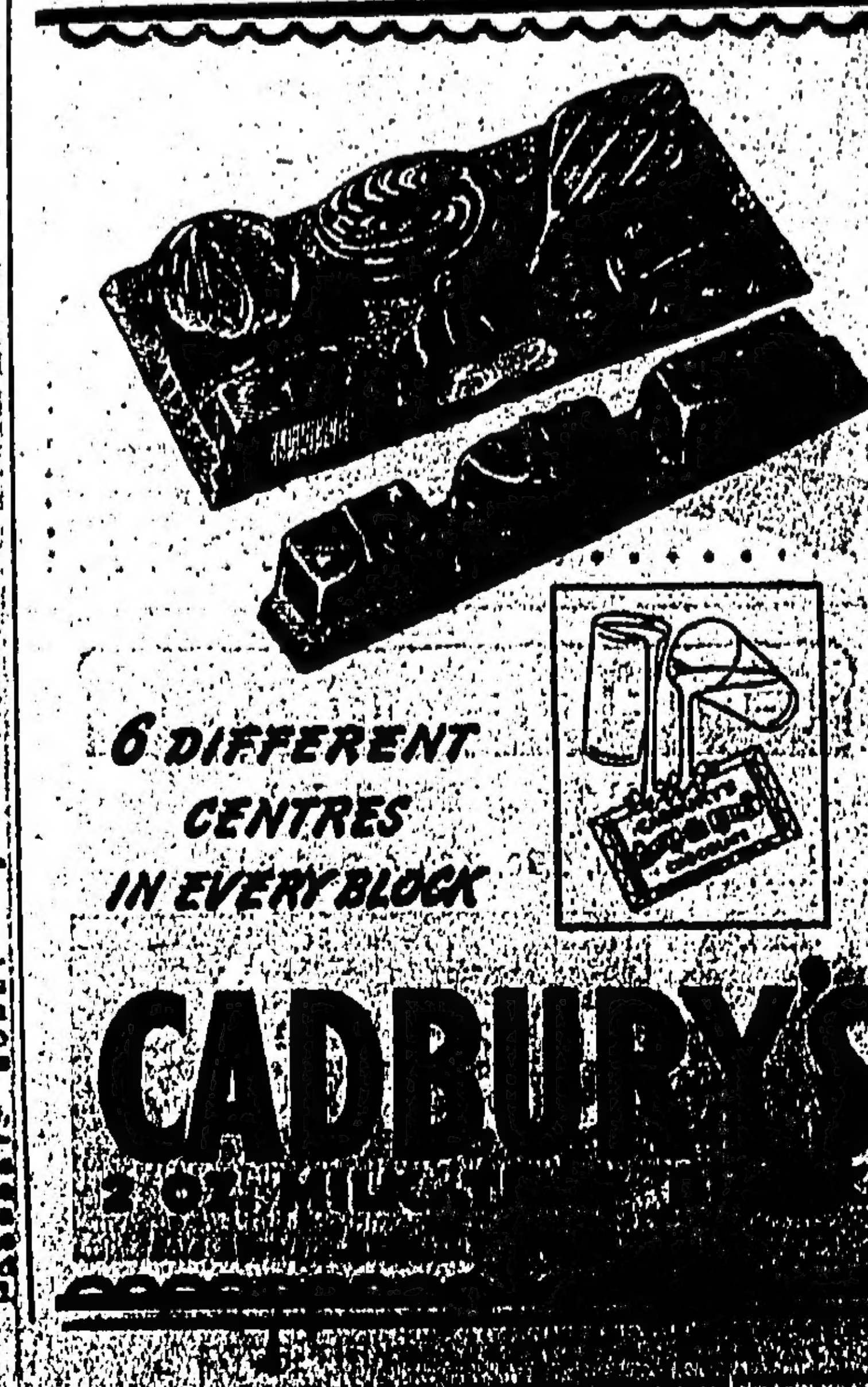
OF VITAL CONCERN Opening the debate, Republican Senator Alexander Wiley, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the security of Korea was of vital concern to the United States, the United Nations and the non-Communist world. The security of Japan was also dependent on the maintenance of a free and independent Korea, he added. The Foreign Relations Committee, which had studied the treaty, had recommended its ratification by the Senate with an understanding that nothing in the treaty would commit the United States to help the South Korean forces if they launched any unilateral military attack on the North in an effort to reunite the country by force. Senator Wiley said the primary value of the treaty consisted in giving the Communists notice, beyond the possibility of misinterpretation, that if they embarked upon another aggression in Korea, the United States can be expected to take prompt and adequate measures to crush it. He said the treaty applied only to external armed attack and it did not extend to cases of "large scale domestic riots or disturbances instigated by outside powers."—AP.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
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RACE 2 Eudora Firestone Same Again Outsider: Free Kick	RACE 2 Firestone Same Again Ben Ledl Outsider: Eudora
RACE 3 Jip On Minea Pegasus Outsider: Emperor Delight	RACE 3 Minea Jip On Emperor Delight Outsider: Prince Dahlia
RACE 4 Gabriel Junks Marietta Top Secret Outsider: Iping	RACE 4 Babste Marietta Iping Outsider: Skylon
RACE 5 Trio Mak Sincar Fieldmaster Outsider: Corvett	RACE 5 Trio Mak Sincar Fieldmaster Outsider: Can Do
RACE 6 Geronimo Rainbow Cinderella Outsider: Adorable Atalanti	RACE 6 Geronimo Supreme Command Lake Success Outsider: Adorable Atalanti
RACE 7 Pot O'Gold Another Victory Possibility II Outsider: Four Aces	RACE 7 Pot O'Gold Another Victory Spinning Wheel Outsider: New Love
RACE 8 Rebel II Beh Lowers Calamity Outsider: Amber	RACE 8 Rebel II Rider's Wish Calamity Outsider: Evergreen
RACE 9 Quixote Neptuns Shiraz Outsider: Thousand Miles	RACE 9 Neptune Quixote Thousand Miles Outsider: Thriller
RACE 10 Clifton Jerricks Desert Gold Outsider: Souvenir	RACE 10 Scrabo Clifton Ladde Outsider: Prairie Moon

Sir Winston Is Evasive

London, Jan. 26. Sir Winston Churchill tonight smilingly brushed off attempts in the House of Commons to quiz him about his future—whether he is retiring or continuing as head of the Government. "It is a delusion," he said at one point when two Labour members of Parliament referred to recent speculation that he may resign soon. To bear this out, it was announced tonight Sir Winston Churchill will on May 27 address 7,000 Conservative women at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during the annual Conservative women's conference. Mr Eric Fletcher, Labour, in a debate tonight made this interjection aimed at Sir Winston Churchill: "The Prime Minister knows that there has been some speculation as a result of the speech made by Mr Osborne... and upon which, no doubt, we shall be receiving some distinguished enlargement shortly." It was here that Sir Winston Churchill with a smile remarked: "It is a delusion." This was generally taken to mean it was a delusion to think the Prime Minister had any immediate intention of relinquishing office. Parliamentarians thought Sir Winston was enjoying himself tonight. He grinned and apologized for "not having brought my hearing aid" when Mr Fletcher suggested he did not know whether the rumours were with or without justification. "I don't want to miss anything," the Prime Minister said, and turning around, instructed his son-in-law and Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr Christopher Soames, to fetch the Prime Minister's ear trumpet. Loud cheers greeted the return of Mr Soames bearing the hearing aid.—Reuter.



6 DIFFERENT CENTRES IN EVERY BLOCK

CONVICT CAUGHT

Kilwit, Belgian Congo, Jan. 26. Police caught an African prisoner in a bar here as he was drinking to his success with money stolen after his escape from the Public Prosecutor's Office. The convict, Francois Musenge, slipped out of the prison hospital, took money from three patients and two typewriters from the office, and then broke into a convent where he took some money, robes, and other articles. He was caught by a patrol of police light boys, then taken to the police station.—Reuter.

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Tory Rebels Claim Suez Talks Are Dead FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS "IMPOSSIBLE"

London, Jan. 26. Conservative "rebels" in Parliament said today Spain's claim to Gibraltar strengthened their stand against British withdrawal from the Suez Canal Zone and that they believed the negotiations with Egypt were already "dead."

"General Franco has played nicely into our hands," one said. "We are now in a much better tactical position. Yesterday's questions in Parliament showed only one note of dissension with our aims on both sides of the House of Commons."

Skorzeny Will Not Rescue Sidi Ben Youssef

Madrid, Jan. 26. Otto ("Scarface") Skorzeny, former German S.S. leader who carried out the dramatic parachute rescue of Mussolini in 1944, denied a report tonight that he had been approached by the Arab League in Cairo, with a view to a similar operation to rescue Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, the former Sultan of Morocco.

Skorzeny now lived in Madrid, and the former Sultan, who had been exiled by the French, had left Corsica on his way to Madagascar.

Tokyo Shivers

Tokyo, Jan. 26. The Central Weather Bureau said today that this morning's temperature dropped minus 5.4 degrees centigrade. It was the coldest recorded in Tokyo this season. — China Mail Special.

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He said that Government answers to questions disclosed the Cabinet now had the matter of negotiations with Egypt "under review."

"The general opinion is that the negotiations are already dead," he said. "The Government has admitted that a settlement with Egypt would be quite impossible while the incidents in the Canal Zone continue."

The "rebel" group were meeting today, the member said, to decide on their next move to bring the Anglo-Egyptian talks to an end and also to deal with the Spanish claims on Gibraltar.

"As night follows day it is inevitable that anti-British incidents at one end of the Mediterranean must be reflected at the other end. The Government must be urged to deal with both the Spanish and Egyptian moves as being inter-related," the member said.

He said that the rebels would later make their decision known to the Foreign Affairs Committee in Parliament and in the meantime would table further questions.

WHAT REPARATIONS?
"We intend to ask the Government what reparations have been asked from Egypt for the 14 British deaths in the Canal Zone which the Minister of State said could have been prevented by Egypt."

"We also want to know what reparations will be claimed for the 275 attacks on British which were said to have been made during the last 13 months," the member said.

The Conservative "rebel" said that yesterday's session in Parliament showed that a "considerable number" of Labour members were now supporting their stand against a withdrawal from Suez.

"It showed that the Bevanites have been split from top to bottom. The Jewish Labour members no longer all with the Bevanites. Labour members' questions on Spain also showed the growing resistance in the Labour ranks to any further negotiations for withdrawal from British positions," he said. — United Press.

Egyptian Dancer Hit Him With Her Shoe

Houston, Texas, Jan. 26. Attorneys for "belly dancer" Samia Gamal said today they would appeal a District Judge's decision that she is not entitled to a new trial for divorce from Shoppell W. (Abdullah) King.

King, who joined the Moslem religion in order to wed the shapely Egyptian, divorced her last year while she was on a trip to the Middle East. He said that she hit him on the head with the spiked heel of a shoe and "drank too much."

Samia was awarded only \$900 for her share of the couple's community property.

Her suit in Judge Ben Wilson's court contended that she did not have enough time to answer King's suit, but Mr. Wilson said that was not enough reason for a new trial.

Samia's attorney said that she would file a separate suit to recover the dancer's wardrobe, which she said she left in Houston when she went back to Egypt. — United Press.

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Maugham Has 'Writer's Cramp'

London, Jan. 26. Writer **Somer Maugham** invested 90 shillings in a personal advertisement in the Times today to plead "writer's cramp" for not answering by hand the hundreds of letters and telegrams he received on his 60th birthday yesterday. — China Mail Special.

Gay New York Welcome For Turkish President

New York, Jan. 26. The Cunard liner **Mauretania**, bearing the Turkish President, **Celal Bayar** to the United States, entered New York harbor at 7 a.m. GMT today to the blaring welcome of the sirens of Police and fireboats.

The **Mauretania** was at quarantine at the harbour entrance on schedule and was boarded there by a welcoming party of Turkish, United States Government and New York city officials as well as a horde of news reporters and photographers.

Ambassador **John S. Simons**, Chief of Protocol of the State Department, Turkish Ambassador **Feridun C. Erkin**, and New York's official greeter, former Ambassador **Richard Patterson**, went aboard the **Mauretania** from a Government cutter to welcome the President.

On the Statue of Liberty, fire department fireboats turned on their sirens and shot towering streams of water into the air in welcome.

Police Department launches circled the **Mauretania** with sirens screaming and a Police helicopter hovered over the liner to add to the salute.

The **Mauretania** was to be picked up by tugboats as she came up the harbour and will dock at 8.30 p.m. GMT. — United Press.

"Sense Of Alarm" Would Help C.D. Recruiting

London, Jan. 26. The Prime Minister, **Sir Winston Churchill**, told the House of Commons today that "what was needed to cause keen voluntary effort in civil defence was a sense of alarm and danger."

He added: "Without that, people do not feel that same sense and need to be prepared for war." There is a feeling that perhaps things are a little better and the outlook a little closer.

The Prime Minister was commenting on a request by a Labour Member of Parliament to transfer the organisation of civil defence from the Ministry of the Interior to that of Defence. — France-Press.

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GRIM PROSPECTS FOR GERMAN UNITY

"No Nearer Solution Than In Days Of Potsdam"

Berlin, Jan. 26.

A literal reading of Mr V. M. Molotov's introductory speech at the opening session of the four Foreign Ministers' conference confirmed foreign observers' beliefs that the solution of the German and Austrian problems is no nearer than it was in the days of the Potsdam Declaration of 1945.

In the first formal statement by the Soviet Foreign Minister on the broad objectives of the Kremlin's foreign policy since Stalin's death, Mr Molotov indicated no readiness to make any concessions on the basic questions dividing the world unless the Western Powers first modify their positions on the EDC, the disarmament of Germany and the recognition of Communist China.

Russia's most authoritative spokesman on foreign affairs merely reaffirmed what has been said repeatedly by the Soviet press and by Premier George M. Malenkov in a series of statements on foreign policy that followed the establishment of the present Government.

Mr Molotov reiterated the classical Soviet position on Germany — no unification unless the country is first disarmed and neutralised, and no easing of tensions in Europe unless the United States abandons its European bases and gives up its restrictive policy on East-West trade.

As was to be expected, Mr Molotov began with a presentation of the maximum Soviet programme.

Like his two opposite numbers who preceded him, M. Georges Bidault and Mr Eden, Mr Molotov showed no concrete way out of the deadlock which the four Powers are resolved to end. But like the Western spokesmen, the Soviet Foreign Minister may be expected to produce eventually a more practicable, alternative, minimum programme intended to keep the conference going.

When the process of bargaining begins around the conference table, the Soviet delegation will probably find it easier to agree on the secondary issues of improving relations between East and West Germany than was possible before Stalin's death.

In the meantime, some observers found encouragement in Mr Molotov's apparent willingness to discuss the Austrian peace treaty, although he did not indicate whether he would insist on a prior solution in Germany. Moreover, there may be a possible "joker" in Mr Molotov's assertion that "Austria should not become again a tool in the hands of aggressive forces and, in particular, the tool of German militarism."

When the Austrian question actually comes up for consideration, the Soviet delegation will probably condition a peace treaty upon a two-fold "Big Power" guarantee:

1.—That Austria be neutralised; and (2) no Anschluss to be undertaken.

Such appears to be the interpretation of Mr Molotov's language on Austria which has been preceded by stern warnings in the Soviet press against reported secret negotiations for an Anschluss.

Western observers are not attaching much significance to

what appeared to be a threat on Mr Molotov's part that the organisation of a European army might lead to counter-action in the form of a "defensive alliance" of other European countries for the safeguarding of their security.

It should be noted that for many practical purposes such an "alliance" already exists. The Soviet Union is linked by pacts of mutual assistance with China and with the satellite countries of Eastern Europe.

With Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, who, next to Marshal Grigori Zhukov, was the Soviet Union's most brilliant general of the last war, now in control of Poland's armies, for example, a formal Soviet-Polish alliance is superfluous.

There are, furthermore, indications of considerable co-ordination of training methods and arms in the armed forces of the Communist countries.

Chinese and Polish airmen are as familiar with the MIG fighter as Soviet pilots. And hundreds of young Polish, Rumanian and Czechoslovak Army officers, students at various military academies, can be seen walking on the streets of Moscow.

RAY OF HOPE

Ever since the end of the war a frequent theme of Soviet political orators has been that, unlike the situation in the past, the Soviet Union no longer stands alone but is surrounded by friends and allies from the Pacific Ocean to the Elbe.

Observers saw a ray of hope in Mr Molotov's brief reference to atomic weapons. He expressed readiness to proceed with discussions on President Eisenhower's proposal for an atomic pool and repeated the recently indicated Soviet change of attitude on unconditional banning of the use of nuclear weapons.

Now, the Soviet position seems to be that a simple renunciation of the employment of atomic weapons would be a desirable first step to be followed by eventual prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction.

If the American and Soviet Foreign Ministers reach any agreement in their scheduled private, procedural talks on the Eisenhower suggestion, it will go far towards easing the difficult atmosphere enveloping the conference table from the very first day.—United Press.

Gold Filling In A 16/- Chicken

Melbourne, Jan. 26. Chewing the remains of a chicken dinner, Ukrainian migrant Walter Kaspen, bit heavily on what he thought was a small bone and found instead that he had nearly swallowed a piece of gold.

The chicken cost him 16 Australian shillings (13 shillings sterling). The gold was valued at £250 (£24 sterling).

Mr Kaspen said he bought the chicken between Ballarat and Melbourne, a distance of 74 miles, and would go back to see whether there was more gold "where the chicken picked it up".—China Mail Special.

INVITATION TO FRANCO

Cairo, Jan. 26. General Franco, Spanish head of state, has been invited to visit Egypt and other Arab States, an Arab League spokesman said tonight.

Spanish and other Western observers in Cairo tonight doubted whether General Franco would visit Arab States, but the Middle East

FANFANI'S POLICY

Rome, Jan. 26.

Professor Amintore Fanfani, the Italian Prime Minister, presented his week-old government's policy to Parliament tonight amid roars of disapproval from the Communists.

Members of other parties showed little enthusiasm. The life of his government formed after the resignation of Signor Pella depends on Parliament's reaction to his policy statement. It takes a majority in both Chambers.

Professor Fanfani warned that Italy has reached a moment where courage and firmness were essential and promised a "good honest efficient administration... fit for the severity of the hour."

The new government was determined by means of social reforms to stop the spread of Communism, he announced and intended to ratify the European defence community treaty in the near future.

Among the measures he announced were: Severe punishment for tax dodgers; continuation of the land reform programme for aiding peasants; a £1,000,000,000 loan (about £100,000,000) housing plan for Italy's 200,000 homeless families; tax relief for thousands of small holders and government loans to small and medium businesses.—Reuter.

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Ramon Navarro, known as the great lover of the silent screen, visits London to meet a few of his old friends. He was last in England before the last world war, and is now a successful business man.—Express Photo.

"Learn A Great Deal More About It"

British Schoolboys Tackled Him On "Imperialism"

Director of the Imperial Institute, Mr Kenneth Bradley, said to 2,000 fifth and sixth form pupils from 450 grammar schools in London recently: "If you young people really think the British Empire is a matter of exploitation, imperialism and oppression, then it is high time you learned a great deal more about it in your schools."

This rebuke was delivered at the resumed lectures on African problems, promoted by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, in the Central Hall, Westminster. It was loudly cheered by most, though there were a few boos.

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Germans To Exhibit Working Model Of A Human Heart

Cologne, Jan. 26.

A team of 60 German doctors, scientists and technicians hope to exhibit in Berlin at the end of this month a working model of a human heart which has taken 18 months to complete.

One of the team, who belongs to the staff of the German Health Museum here, told me that the heart, enlarged to 500 times life size, had been in the Museum's workshops for several weeks' overhaul. It was in Saarbruechen last October, by way of trial, and some of the "working-parts" did not stand up well to the wear and tear of operating.

The workshops, with a staff of carpenters and technicians, make all the Museum exhibits of model hearts, as well as all other parts of the human body, produced to scale, normal or in some diseased condition. The specimens are sold all over the world to public health authorities and museums for exhibition to the public.

The Museum's prize products are life-size models of a man or woman, in plexiglass, with blood vessels and other parts in highly-coloured wire or plastic materials.

The outside heart has several "portholes" let into the sides, so that spectators can see its main vessels, partitions and nerves in action.

When the doctor throws an electric switch, the heart begins to move and one can understand why the tough leather and playthings used in its construction have not always been up to the strain of imitating the work of a human heart.

The blood vessels and canals are painted a bright colour—mostly blue or red—and are easily distinguishable from one another. The nerves and tendons, connecting with the white-coloured "valves" inside the heart and partitioning its red chamber are clearly labelled and exposed to view.

TEAM WORK
The Museum staff, from the 70-year-old director, Dr Georg Seifring, down, insist that they are one team and no specimen or invention can be attributed to any one man or group.

"It has to be teamwork," Dr Seifring says, "or we should not get anywhere. The doctor or scientist can give the ideas, but they are of no use if the technicians cannot find some way of putting them into practice as exhibits understandable to the public."

The mechanics and engineers have a still larger project on hand now than the heart of the glass man. It is the building of a model, rather like a sand table model of a piece of country, or a factory. It is about 30 yards by 20.

Buildings represent the brain, with transmission belts and passages—the blood vessels and food passages—down into the chest. There are a huge "power house", the heart, two smaller specialised pump-houses representing the kidneys, and so on. The major and the lesser blood circulatory systems are represented by roads with covered lorries driving along them (different colours for the two systems) and the intestines are a long winding canal with tiny black barges moving down it.

NEW PREMISES
The Museum is the successor of the pre-war Dresden health museum. Dr Seifring moved to West Germany after the war. He had no success with Marshal Vasily Zhdanov, of the U.S.S.R., and the East German authorities in wanting to be allowed to run things as he thought they should be run.

The present Museum is run partly on Federal, partly on local state, and partly on Cologne city funds and support. Dr Seifring is trying to get approval for new premises, because it is housed in a small building on the site of a former airfield which used to be a juvenile prison.

He needs 5,000,000 marks (nearly £250,000 sterling) for the first part of his building scheme, to house the increasing staff, material and activities. Exhibits are rotting in cellars for lack of proper storage.

The completed building scheme, he estimates, will cost 7,500,000 marks (about £375,000 sterling), and will include a lecture hall to seat 500 people, the present one seats less than 50—and buildings covering in all some 8,000 square metres.—China Mail Special.

Why They Dig Holes

London, Jan. 26. So many people stop, stare and ask questions when the workmen dig holes in Brighton streets that the water department is erecting notices on the spot giving full details of the operation.

The notices explain what is being done, why, how long it will take and also the cost.—China Mail Special.

More US Aid Needed For Indo-China

Washington, Jan. 26.

Senator Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana), who recently returned from an inspection trip in Indo-China and Thailand, urged the United States to stop up supplies to the French forces fighting the Vietnamese Communists in Indo-China.

The defeat of the Communists in that area, he said, related directly to the defence of the United States.

The senator, who addressed the Women's Democratic Club, emphasised that he was "strongly opposed" to the sending of American troops to Indo-China, but he believed that with continued material aid from the United States, the French could achieve victory there, within two years, and turn over Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to their native rulers.

If Indo-China holds, the rest of Asia can hold, he said.

If Indo-China is lost to the Communists, Senator Mansfield warned, rich sources of tin, tungsten, and rice would fall into the hands of the Communists.—France-Press.

Revising Nigerian Constitution

Lagos, Jan. 26.

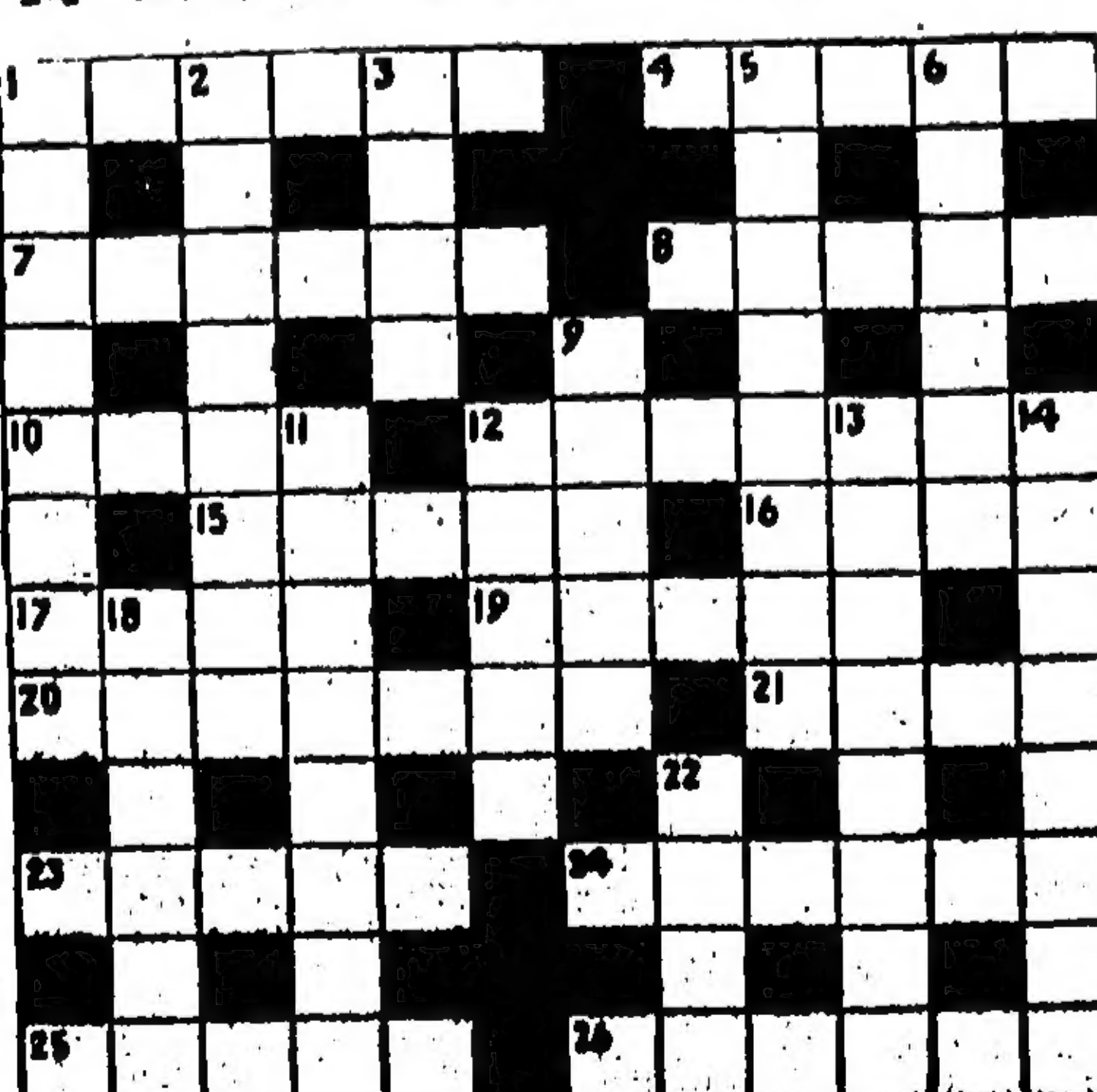
Mr Oliver Lyttelton, British Colonial Secretary, and African leaders today started preparing a final draft scheme for revising the Nigerian Federal Constitution to give increased powers to regional governments.

Mr Lyttelton and the African leaders have been discussing the scheme since last Tuesday. It was first discussed in London last August.

The new constitution aims at a better distribution of powers between the central government and regional governments in Northern, Western and Eastern Nigeria.

Today, an agreement was reached on the last two main items on the agenda, regionalising the civil service and judicial system.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Comes out (8).
 - Break up (8).
 - Carry too far (8).
 - Reveals (8).
 - Smart (4).
 - Accelerated (7).
 - Wild instrument (8).
 - Extent (4).
 - Tune (4).
 - The heat (8).
 - Twelve (7).
 - Point of the compass (4).
 - Of first importance (8).
 - Elder (6).
 - Harmony (8).
 - Accent (6).
- DOWN**
- Early battleship (8).
 - Remedy (8).
 - Objects (4).
 - Temperate (8).
 - Seat (6).
 - Fascination (8).
 - Freelander (8).
 - Purloin (8).
 - Easy (6).
 - Cowards (8).
 - Olive oil (8).
 - Inclination (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 2 Dressers, 8 Bottle, 9 Languish, 11 Intruder, 12 Star, 13 Dotter, 15 Dares, 19 Azor, 22 Regiment, 24 Conqueror, 25 Remove, 26 Theorist. Down: 1 Aye, 3 Wither, 5 Dimpled, 6 Road, 7 Race, 8 Smiley, 10 Brown, 11 Kismet, 12 Pander, 13 Balcony, 14 Slender, 17 Gossip, 18 Dorian, 19 Sings, 20 Soot, 21 Gloom.



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• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

SIR GERALD BARRY, the greatest living authority on the flute, believes that the Tonga nose-flute developed from the Pan-pipe or syrinx.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Learn Finesse And Avoid Grief

By OSWALD JACOBY

THIS finesse is a peculiar play, you spend half of your bridge career learning it, and the other half avoiding it. The latter is the way to live. The former is the way to die.

I today cannot for example, find a single card in a suit that is not a finesse. The card is there, but it is not a finesse. The card is there, but it is not a finesse. The card is there, but it is not a finesse.

NORTH				27
♠ Q J 10 2				
♥ Q 3				
♦ A K Q 4				
♣ 5 4 2				
WEST		EAST		
♠ 4		♥ U 5		
♥ J 10 8 5 2		♦ K 8 7 0 4		
♦ J 6 5 3		♣ 10 9		
♣ K 7 6		♥ J 10 9 3		
SOUTH (D)				
♠ A K 9 8 7 3				
♥ A				
♦ 8 7 2				
♣ A Q 8				
Both sides nil				
South	West	North	East	
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass	
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass	
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	

The correct play is to ruff dummy's queen of hearts, get back to dummy with a trump, and lead the last diamond from dummy.

South must not ruff dummy's last diamond. Instead, he discards the club of clubs, allowing West to win the trick. If West returns a club, South gets a finesse. If West returns a heart, the only other possibility, dummy ruffs, while South discards the queen of clubs. An early club finesse would be wrong even if the diamonds were switched so that East held them. West holds the four diamonds. Upon discovering the diamond break on the third top diamond, South would lead the queen of hearts from dummy.

If East played low later all the opening lead might conceivably be from dummy. South would throw the eight of clubs and catch West in an end-play.

Even if East were able to cut up the king of hearts to thwart this end-play, South would be able to beat him. He would cut the king of hearts and get back to dummy with a trump in order to lead a club.

South would try to finesse the eight of clubs if East were foolish enough to play low. If successful, this play would catch West in the same end-play that we have been witnessing all along.

Only if all these plans failed would an expert South risk the finesse of the club queen.

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

BORN today, your ambition is vaulting and you want to rise to the top of the success ladder as early as possible. In fact, you are apt to ignore your social life, your friends, romance, everything until you have reached the goal which you have set before you. This can work against your happiness, for if you rule out close friendships during the early part of your life, you could end up a very lonely and unhappy millionaire.

Actually, you have a loving nature, but the desire for wealth and fame makes you forget your friends. Just remember that power without someone to share the results can be a very futile thing. You have very definite talent in the arts and should cultivate the gift of the stars. Parents of children born on this day should watch

and see if all in well. You may need to take remedial measures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Cultivate a hobby. If you don't have one, so that you can relax your mind during your spare time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Catch up on your correspondence. If you have left important letters unanswered, attend to them now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) You may have a keen business idea, but discuss it with someone who really knows the ropes first.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) Don't buy a pig in a poke. Be sure you know the quality of what you are buying before you purchase.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may be given a chance to do your daily work in a new way. You may not be asked, so offer it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Complications may arise in your life. Stay calm if you know what is good for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have a good look at your budget.

and see if all in well. You may need to take remedial measures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Investigate any property deal with great care before you go into it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) If you made good in that important interview, then things should be falling alone in a fine style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) Don't neglect your social obligations at this time. You may find they are very important later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Be ambitious in the right direction. If you are having your head against a stone wall, stop it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) Watch out for the man who doesn't have a hobby. All he can make Jack a very dull boy, indeed.

CHESSE PROBLEM

By H. HERMANSON
Black, 7 pieces

White, 7 pieces
Write to play mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-K7, any 2. Q. R, or Kt mates.

DUMB BELLS

TOBACCO AS BREW MIXED FARAS WITH SOAPY CARE WATER MAKES THEM AN EXCELLENT CAN WASH FOR DIRTY INSECTS!

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Learns About Riddles

—He's Very Good at Guessing the Answers—

By MAX TRELL

EVERYONE was gathered in the Playroom when Teddy the Stuffed Bear said "Why are riddles riddles?"

Hand, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, smiled and answered "Riddles are riddles, Teddy, because they can't be anything else. Why are bears bears? Why are lions lions? Why are people people?"

"I see," said Teddy, shaking his head doubtfully. "But why are riddles really riddles? I mean," he added, "that I don't know what riddles are for, anyway."

What Are They For?

Teddy looked around the room at all his friends. "What are riddles for?" he repeated.

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, said: "Riddles are for guessing."

Mary-Jane the Rag Doll said: "Riddles are like puzzles. They're fun."

"Riddles make you think," said General Tin the Tin Soldier, who was standing on guard by the Playroom door with his musket over his shoulder.

Finally Mr. Punch lit his pipe, took a few puffs, and said to Teddy: "The best way to understand riddles, my boy, is to try to guess one. Here's one, for instance. What do you whip when it's good?"

Teddy thought for a while about this, then he said: "I give you a whip when it's good?"

Mr. Punch and everyone else in the room answered in one loud voice: "Cream!"

WHAT'S HER LINE?

Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.

FLORRIE W. CAFFEE

(Solution on Page 29)

Rupert's New Year Adventure—29

Rupert and Podge were anxiously wondering what Farmer Green was going to do to them. First they felt the rats being dragged about, and then a couple of bumps in the air. Then a lot of little bumps told them that they were being munched away some-

where. "Where, this isn't half as comfy as it was before," says Podge. "Rupert pushes gently at his hat, and to his great relief he finds it empty. "Look, the ground's all wet," he whispers. "It must have rained while we were in the air."

WOMANSENSE

New Trends In Nightclothes

ARCHITECTS, London. can do with our kitchens. Now they are moving upstairs and beginning to redesign our bedrooms.

I find that a lot of brains and thought are going into new ideas for beds, for the things that go on beds, and the things you wear in beds.

First, there are new shapes, new fabrics, new ideas for the clothes you wear in your bedroom.

Out goes the pretty, pretty peach crepe night-dress, and in comes a younger, gayer line.

Lots of these nightclothes face the fact that the average English bedroom is anything but warm.

Nightclothes are made of warmer fabrics—wool and cotton or wool and nylon mixtures. And they cover you up completely. Some of the prettiest are cut long and full and have long sleeves, like a Victorian nightgown.

Up too go the sales of pyjamas, always warmer than a nightdress. The newest have three-quarter legs, like jeans, and snuck tops that you wear outside.

One new trend looks forward to spring and summer nights. This is for short nightclothes. Short nightdresses, short negligees to slip over them, and short housecoats (hideously named brunch coats) beat the problem of skirts trailing on the kitchen floor or tripping you up as you carry a tray upstairs.

The housecoats are cut as crisply as a good topcoat. Often they are quilted, and have

rounded or even arched shoulders like the newest coats.

BRIGHT IDEAS AT WORK!

Bed linen too is moving away from the plain and classic. Candy-striped sheets and pillowcases—or sheets printed with coloured posies—are coming down into the realm of possible price.

Some brides, longing for beautiful linen but unable to afford it, are buying plain linen and adding handwork of their own. The French embroidery books are full of charming ideas for applique-ing borders on to plain pillowcases and sheets.

The newest blankets are not only coloured, but dark coloured, bottle green or burgundy, satin edged. The ritziest idea you ever saw: a white lace bedspread over a dark-green blanket. Not impossibly expensive if you ever have the luck to pick up one of those Victorian crocheted bedspreads second-hand.

These bedroom ideas have one advantage over the super-modern kitchen fittings—you can acquire them piecemeal.

No need to get the builders in to tear down the bedroom. No need to root out the plumbing or get into debt. You can buy just one new thing—if it's only a dotted pillowcase—and see how you get along.

—(London Express Service)

Rayon quilts are now lined with corduroy so they don't slip off the bed, leaving you with a layer too little. Pure silk quilts are back for the first time

since the war, beautifully light in weight—but beautifully dear. Beds—those beautiful, delicious places on which we spend one third of our lives but top little of our money—are being made with many improvements. Have you heard of the new electrically-heated mattress?

Have you seen the new "soft" of bedhead that seems to do everything but make the morning tea? Some extend round the sides of the bed and have bedside lamps fitted in as well as bookshelves and cupboards.

Twin beds are joined by a single bedhead, but disconnect and pull away so that they are as easy as a hospital bed to make.

And the newest bed I've seen is a round bed that saves space in a small room. Bedside tables and other bedroom furniture can be put in the spaces usually taken up by the corners!

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

The town clock boomed twice as Chelsea manager Ted Drake drove into Kenilworth Street, Reading. All good citizens were abed. In Kenilworth Street Ted woke up Reading Manager Jack Smith and said: "I've come to sign Stan Wicks."

Why the hurry? Two hours earlier, at midnight, the Daily Express had phoned Mr Drake to confirm an "inside" story... that he intended going to Reading the following morning to sign the 25-year-old 6ft. 2ins. Reading centre-half.

"How on earth did you get to hear of it?" exclaimed the former Arsenal and England centre-forward. "Our negotiations were strictly secret."

"When the news appears tomorrow I'll have all the managers in Britain in competition... anyway, no comment, please."

And then Manager Drake got out his car, drove to Reading, woke up Jack Smith, woke up Stan Wicks, and confirmed the deal. "A good manager's work is never done."

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup

Saturday, 30th January, 1954.

Over 1,000,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 29th January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguilar Street, at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th January, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday, 23rd, Wednesday 27th & Saturday 30th January, 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day. The 10th interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their Employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$60.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday 22nd January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road); 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10 a.m. on the First and Second days of the meeting.

The sale of these tickets will close at 4 p.m. at 382, Nathan Road, at 5 p.m. at 5, D'Aguilar Street and at 6 p.m. at the office in Queen's Building, on Friday 29th January, 1954.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited. ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

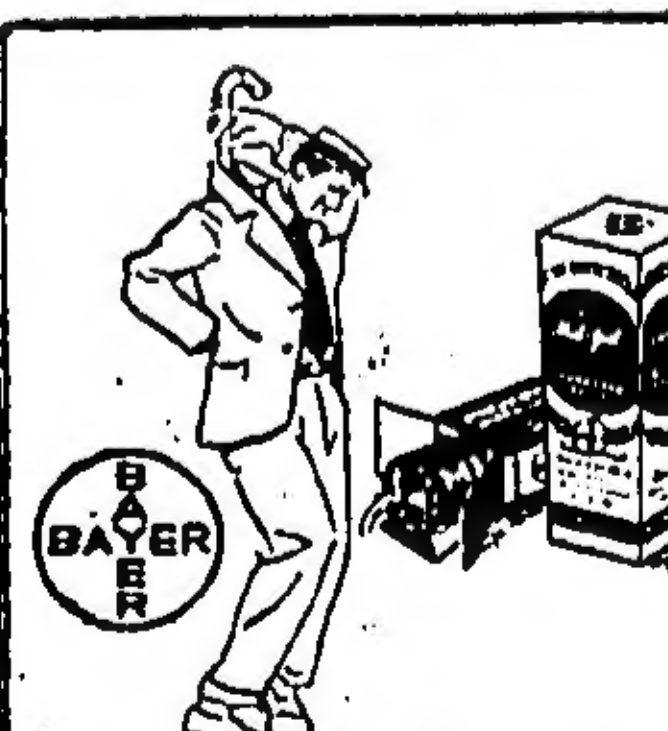
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tip men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MIBA, Secretary.

CHESS MATCH

The Kowloon Chess Club beat the Netherlands community by 13 points to 5 in the chess match played at the Peninsula Hotel last night. One of the surprises of the evening was the defeat of the Colony Champion, J. P. de Carvalho, by F. H. van Meyenfeldt.



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24 HOURS IN THE STRANGE LIFE OF GORDON PIRIE

No Pictures, No Dances, No Smokes
No Drinks, No Fun—Just Work And
Grinding, Relentless Training

By J. L. MANNING

No pictures, no dances no smokes, no drinks, no FUN—just work and grinding, relentless, and torturing training.

That is the day in and day out life of Douglas Alistair Gordon Pirie, the man who has set out to be the world's greatest-ever distance runner.

One thing he can enjoy, with all the energy he uses, is his food. I do not think I have ever seen a man eat like him.

He lives by a schedule—a schedule from his German coach so harsh that it would make even the toughest Comanche quail.

And at the end of it all he finds himself so exhausted full of energy that he just has to run and run and run.

To find out just what that schedule means I have spent a day with this 22-year-old bank clerk who hopes one day to run a mile in under four minutes.

LOTS OF HONEY
I started my vigil from the moment Pirie the bank clerk woke at 7.45 in his bedroom at Meadow, Coulsdon, Surrey, to see looking down silently at him from a picture-frame over the mantelpiece a coloured photograph of his great rival Emil Zatopek, the Czech wonder runner.

For Pirie every day is divided into four parts.

Sleeping 10 hours
Working 8
Eating 2
Running 4

Add these hours together and they come to 24. No time for anything else.

The first day begins ordinarily enough. No early morning daily chores, skipping in the garden or deep breathing exercises by the open window for him. The serious athletic part of the day comes later when the day's work is done.

His only concern first thing in the morning is getting himself washed, shaved, and dressed as quickly as possible and down to his breakfast.

That light 12lb. dynamo in a lean 6ft. 2in. human frame requires food.

Breakfast consists of three helpings of whatever is going and lots of honey. The honey is sent to him from South Africa by a fellow athlete and admirer out there.

Mrs Pirie, mother of a family of two other sons and a daughter, all older than Gordon, supervises the all-important meal.

NO DIET

Gordon sits wearing a funny coloured knitted sweater. He wears this because the sweaters so much in his training that his hair tends to "dry out" and stand on end unless it's plastered and held down. He wants to look neat and trim at the bank.

8.30 a.m. It is time to catch the bus or pick up a friend to go to work. Pirie goes to work. And so to the bank, in Croydon, where he is a junior clerk in the trust and executor department.

On the way to the bank I asked Pirie if he were ever ill enough to need a doctor.

"No," he said, "but I went to a doctor not so long ago to be examined for an assurance policy. He felt my pulse several times, then asked, 'Good heavens, do you ever take any exercise, young man?'"

8.15 a.m. Pirie arrives at the bank to work on his ledger. If he gets a little peckish (and he usually does) there is some fruit in his pocket.

1 p.m.—Lunch—time, but no time to go home. He strolls in a nearby street market and into a little cafe full of stallholders. There a chair and a table are always kept for Gordon.

The day I went with him the friends of the man whom many of America's leading universities would like to have dining with them were already there, dressed in their overalls and working clothes, some with collars and ties and some without.

"Cuppa strong tea with extra sugar" for Gordon and his mate," calls the waitress sweeping by. "How are you, Piggy dear?" she adds to Pirie with a friendly smile. "I've ordered it for you. Roast pork, sausage, and there's plenty of mullata pudding."

"When are you going to become an American citizen, Gordon?" asks the market-place barmaid.

"When you give me a decent chair-seat," was the reply.

Then silence. Pirie is taking in the calories by the hundreds. No special diet, except that it is measured in platefuls. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done before bedtime, and by no means is all of it sitting at his desk in the bank.

"Wonderful eater, him," says the waitress. "Always has a second helping, doesn't you, ducks?" as she puts down another plate of steamed pudding and custard.

The greengrocer told me: "You should have seen this cude last summer when Gordon broke the world six-mile record. Great big red eels on the table, and a bottle of champagne. Do you think they'd do that for him in America?"

"The best wanted to give Gordon his meals for nothing, but Gordon told him he was an amateur and if he didn't mind he'd continue to pay."

1.55 p.m. Back to the bank. As we get there two small boys are gazing reverently at the door. "That's Gordon Pirie's bank," one of them said. But they didn't recognise him.

RUNS AND RUNS

On the way he called at a two-shop for some barley sugar and bought a few apples just in case I felt hungry.

There will be nothing more to eat until later tonight after I've finished running," he explained.

"Don't you ever get hungry out running on these cold winter evenings?" I asked.

"I'll say. Sometimes I'm so hungry after running for a couple of hours that wherever I am I make tracks for home, go straight to the larder, and start eating whatever I can lay hands on, a loaf of bread, anything in sight."

6 p.m. From the bank to home. The hard part of the day has passed. Within half an hour the young Mr Pirie has changed his personality. The happy-go-lucky smile has gone. His slender-featured face is stern. He is preparing to spend the next four hours like no other man in the world. He is going to run all the time.

Pirie runs and runs and runs. He has more runs than Don Bradman.

6.30 to 9.30 p.m. This is where the German master coach, Professor Waldemar Gerschler, of Freiburg University, enters his life.

SECRET SCHEDULE

In his running—hour after hour—Pirie follows implicitly the strict secret schedule sent to him monthly from Germany. Gerschler is the master mind who controls the long, thin limbs of Gordon Pirie.

Gerschler had him carefully examined by heart specialists last autumn. "The finest heart I have ever seen," said one professor.

"That's all I wanted to know," said Gerschler. "Now he can do some real work. He can stand up to the toughest schedule I have ever given anyone, and in three years he will be doing feats on the running track no-one has ever dreamed of."

So this strange marionette show is on, with Gerschler from Freiburg pulling the strings and Pirie on Farthing Down obediently toiling and perspiring, paying the closest attention to minute details of the German's monthly letter of instruction.

Gordon goes out every evening as he has since 1948. No cinemas or theatres, perhaps a

club dance or two, but no other change from this grinding, gruelling mileage. Plod, plod, plod, through rain and snow and fog. Gerschler excuses him only when he has a temperature and fever.

"Do you ever get blisters running 20 or 30 miles a day?" I asked him.

"Not very often. If I do I just run them off. They're the least of my worries. But my feet and legs are as strong as they ever will be. That's the result of training in Army boots several hours a night, which is what I used to do."

"Don't you ever feel like giving this marathon training a miss some nights?" I asked.

"Once upon a time, but not now. It's automatic. I get home, change, and out I go running. I have such terrific energy now that I must go. I just can't help myself. I've got to run or burst."

"How did it start?"

"At school when I was about 11. The football field used to get flooded so we were sent for runs. I always won. But my brothers and father are all runners."

THEY LIKE IT

Mr Alexander Pirie, a cable and wireless operator, is a former Scottish International cross-country runner. All three sons joined his club, South London Harriers, and all became fine runners.

At the age of 53 Mr Pirie is still running. "I often go out for a 20-mile jog," he said. "It keeps me slim and I like doing it."

He showed me a photograph of Gordon and himself running through the Surrey countryside with the Olympic torch on its way to Wembley in 1948. They were the oldest and youngest runners who took part in that torch-carrying relay. Gordon was then only 17.

"That's the way to inspire a boy," said Father Pirie. "I have never forced any of them to run. They just do it like other people walk or drive cars."

I turned to Mrs Pirie. "Feeding them is a bit of a problem," she said, "and I have to give them their evening meals at different times. Peter, my other son, likes to eat before he goes out running and Gordon prefers to eat afterwards."

EARLY TO BED

So life goes on at No. 7. The life of the home is the life of athletes for whom no sacrifice is too great and no detail too small.

At about nine o'clock Gordon returns from his running around the roads and over the downs. After his shower-bath he dresses and comes downstairs for his supper. His slippers and a white sweater are warming by the fire. "Must keep him warm these cold nights," explained Mrs Pirie.

Shortly after ten o'clock every night Pirie takes those most famous legs in Britain up to bed to rest, and with this Spartan goes—a hot-water bottle!

"I just fall off to sleep the moment I hit the pillow," he says. "You try running for three or four hours every night and see what happens to you. I just can't stay awake."

And there he sleeps under the watch of the silent Zatopek. One day, when Gerschler pulls the string, Gordon will stagger the world. But first he has had to renounce it.

McKenley's Record

Melbourne, Jan. 26.

Herb McKenley, Jamaica's former Olympic sprinter, beat the world professional record for 120 yards by clocking 11.2 seconds today.

The previous best professional time for the distance was 11.25 seconds by Jack Donaldson in 1909.—Reuter.



Gordon Pirie with the AAA trophies he received for his outstanding athletic performances. These are the C. N. Jackson Memorial Trophy (left) for the most outstanding athletic performance of the year and the Harvey Memorial Cup for the best AAA Championship performance of the year.—Reuterphoto.

Spotlighting The Three-Year-Olds Of 1954

Speedy Holwood Is The Type For The 1,000 Guineas

By JAMES PARK

There were not many faster two-year-old fillies in training last year than Big Berry. She was no more than a length behind Crimson at York, and that was about how they hit the gate. Perhaps that would always have happened, as Crimson had the ability to find her stride in a flash.

In four races, Big Berry won twice and was second in the others. She wound up by giving weight all round at Newmarket and setting a pace which got them all in trouble by half-way.

It is as a speed merchant that I visualise Big Berry being in her element. I may be taking a chance in going so far as that and it may be she will stay a mile.

Certainly she is bred to do so as she is a member of the famous Black Bay family. Black Bay had a remarkable number of foals and in the course of her career produced a succession of winners, some of whom took high rank.

Holwood is a delightful little filly but again I think the dominating factor will be speed. She is a perfectly balanced filly with the right attitude towards racing and as honest as the day.

The doubt may concern her lack of scope, but there is always the possibility that she will grow sufficiently to frame out better than in her two-year-old days.

Holwood never ran a bad race. She was totally unsuited to the going in the Queen Mary Stakes but still ran well. She was virtually left at the post at Goodwood, but all her other efforts were in keeping with her reputation.

She should stay a mile and there should be every encouragement to train her for the 1,000 Guineas. She is just the type to find her best form in the early part of the season.

Welsh Fairy is a good-looking daughter of Fair Trial and as might be expected from such breeding, the filly is only in the 1,000 Guineas. She won two of her four races but, on the balance of her form, she just misses the first class.

She has a bright turn of speed but appears to have too much to find to be regarded seriously as a proposition for the classic races.

I am rather interested in Hot Water because she seemed to be of the progressive type. She had an easy time in her first season with no more than three races. It must have been thought she would play as her own classic engagement is the Oaks.

As a two-year-old, the filly seemed to have a nice combination of speed and stamina.

On the face of it Hot Water looks well in the Free Handicap as she can meet Court Splendour on 5lb. better terms than when she beat him by a length and a half.

Hot Water raced on the wrong side of the course when third in Never Say Die at Ascot in July, and perhaps the only time she was in a condition to do herself justice was when she won.

Hot Water is a home-bred filly by Blue Peter, out of Trouble and it is in the same family as King's Bench and Cross Fertilisation come from. I shall not be surprised if Hot Water steps up on her handicap mark.

—(London Express Service)

Blind Swimmer Awarded Medal

London, Jan. 26.

A blind piano tuner from Battle (Sussex) was awarded a prize for the most praiseworthy swim feat in 1953, it was reported last night.

A medal, known as the Green Trophy, was awarded to M. H. B. Mennard by the Guernsey (Channel Islands) Swimming Club.

The blind piano tuner took part in a mass club swim last summer and covered 600 yards guided by the voices of fellow swimmers.—France-Press.

Easy Win For MCC

Antigua, Leeward Islands, Jan. 26.

The MCC won their match here today against Leeward Islands by an innings and 50 runs.

They dismissed Leeward Islands for 167 in their second innings.

Final scores were:—Leeward Islands 38 and 167, MCC 261.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

Why don't you keep the flour in that tin?

And then I'd have nowhere to keep the string.

Ask silly questions I must expect silly answers.

POINT 8

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TREMENDOUS LATHER

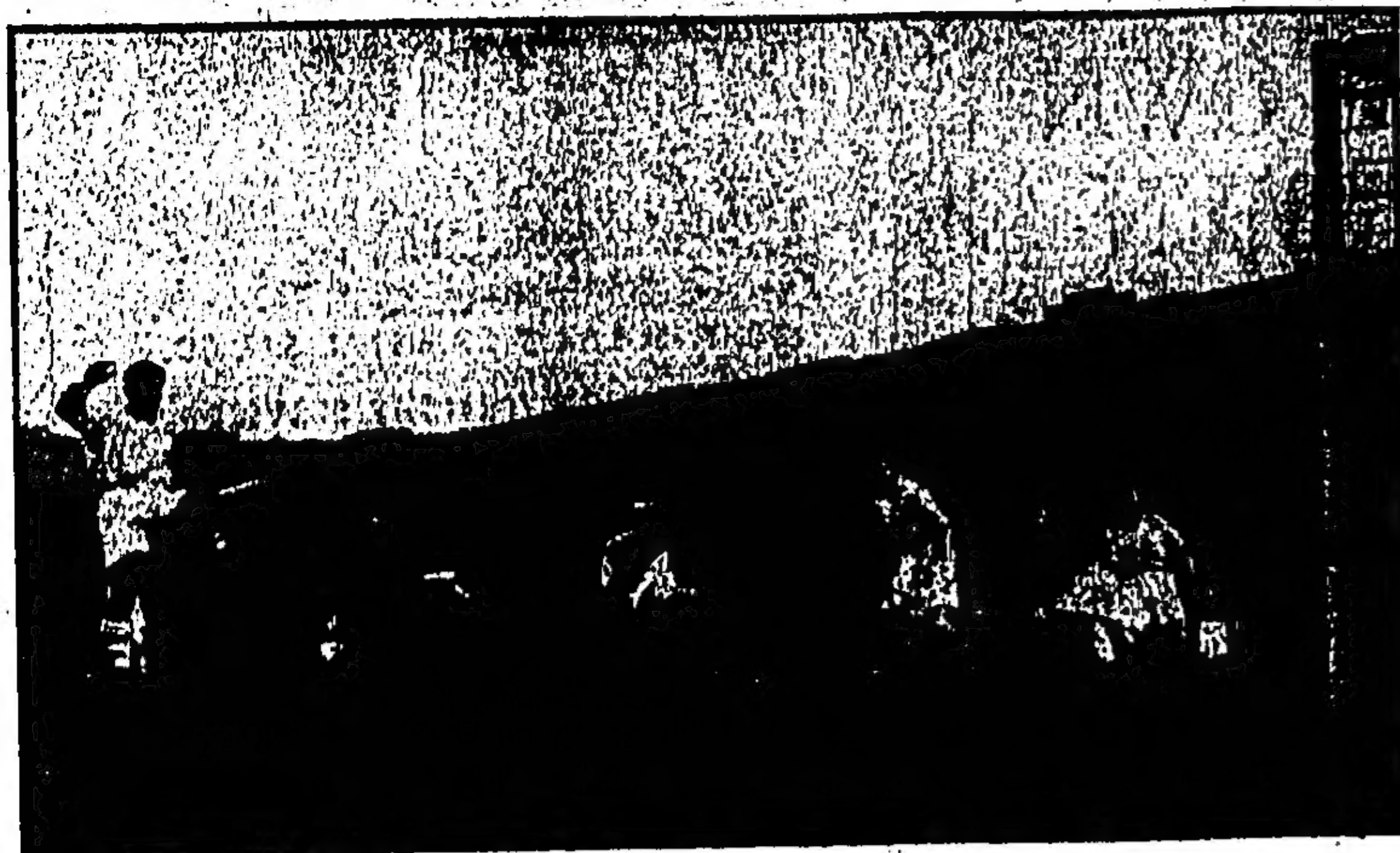
CLEANS DEEPER THAN ANY OTHER

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MANCHESTER UNITED v. MANCHESTER CITY



Two minds with a single thought.....that of clearing the danger..... but with different ideas of execution. Berry, the United right wingman, has put across a dangerous low centre. Trautmann dives flat-out to intercept, but skipper Roy Paul gets there first and kicks the ball into touch to concede a corner. This League match at Old Trafford ended in a one-all draw.

TACTICS THAT SPOIL RUGBY

Grave Disquiet In The Rugby Union World

By D. R. GENT

There is grave disquiet in the Rugby Union world at the nature of much of the football that is being played today.

It is quite true that there are more clubs in membership with the Union than ever. But that is far from being all we want. Equally important is that the game should be clean and attractive, and I feel very strongly that much of it is not.

QUEEN SEES RECORD SET

Dunedin, Jan. 26. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh saw Miss Yvette Williams, the New Zealand and Olympic woman's long jump champion, break her own New Zealand record at a sports meeting at Carlsbrook today.

Miss Williams jumped 20 feet three inches—an inch longer than her previous record but two and five-eighths inches less than her Olympic record.

Her record is subject to confirmation.—Reuter.

France's Big Challenge Will Be From 'Unknowns'

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

There is a big difference between the English and French Free Handicaps for two-year-olds—otherwise we could easily say that the French are going to be no trouble to the British-trained thoroughbred in this year's classics.

The great majority of our Derby winners run at least twice as two-year-olds, and almost all our 2,000 Guineas winners have been high-class two-year-olds.

In France there is a far greater tendency to keep horses in reserve for their three-year-old career without seeing a race-course at all as a two-year-old.

DERBY WINNERS
Bois Roussel, Pearl Diver and My Love are three recent Derby winners whom the French two-year-olds have beaten.

This should temper the natural British enthusiasm after reading that Cordova II has been allotted top weight with the colt, Le Geographe, in the French Free Handicap.

Cordova II came twice to England last year and finished third on both occasions. At Ascot the ground was said to be too soft for her and at Newmarket she had done badly physically.

But there was no need to make excuses for Tully and Pinza and we cannot start making excuses for horses as high in the handicap as Cordova II. It is true she won both her races in France.

LITTLE CHANCE
At the same time the English-trained fillies appeared to be well behind the colts last season and, as Cordova II at weight-for-age comes out the best two-year-old in France, the colts have little chance of catching up on the English.

The danger from France will come this season from the unknown divisions—as it always has done in the past.

The International Board—representing England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—will be considering "the state of the game" at their meeting in Edinburgh when the Calcutta Cup match is being played there on March 20. There are some things in the Home countries that should receive immediate attention.

UNSATISFACTORY

An extremely unsatisfactory University match on December 8, memorable for a general lack of restraint and skill, though not devoid of vigour and pluck, has set people talking bitterly about the game at our senior universities, and it is very much to be hoped that the players at Oxford and Cambridge will take close counsel with themselves about the depressing effect everywhere which the 1953 matches have had on the followers of the game.

Keen rivalry can be allied with skill and good temper if the spirit is there. Four days after the University game, I saw at Leeds the match between Yorkshire and Lancashire, with an equally honest partisan crowd of spectators, and a finer exposition of the game I have not seen for years.

Take, for instance, this wretched whistle—blowing business and the number of matches that are won by penalty goals. Often we have matches with twenty or thirty penalty kicks for breaches of the laws—offside or obstruction, as a rule.

There were more than twenty in the England-Wales international match at Twickenham. What makes it so bad is that most of these infringements are deliberate. Time was when players were ashamed to have a penalty given against them, and I can sure there used to be more than a dozen given during a match.

When Cambridge beat Oxford in 1919 at Queen's Club by a penalty goal it caused quite a sensation—such a thing had never been done before.

NO SOLUTION

To amend the laws is no solution. In fact, I think we have got into this muddle by meddling too much with the laws already. In the old days the laws were few and simple; the rest was a matter for the spirit of the game, which you picked up as you went along.

Then the legalistic mind got to work; the laws were "explained." Illogically-minded for-

Boxer's Wife Wins Fight For Maintenance
Miami, Florida, Jan. 27. A Miami court yesterday ordered the withholding of all prize money due to boxer Archie Moore after his light-heavyweight title fight with Joey Maxim tonight.

Moore's wife, Alice, told the court she was destitute and hungry. She alleged that in the last year he had squandered \$100,000 (about £25,000) on other women.

The court granted a temporary injunction preventing the boxer leaving the state. And it ordered the sponsors of today's fight not to pay him "until the maintenance claim was settled."—Reuter.

Dutchman Beats Alex Buxton
London, Jan. 26. Wim Snook, the lightweight champion, beat Alex Buxton of Britain in a thrilling ten-round bout at London's Royal Albert Hall today. He won on points in the final round.

Buxton was warned five times in the first three rounds for ducking too low and holding, and Snook was admonished for similar offences later in the fight.

KEEP THE MINNOW CLUBS OUT OF THE SCOTTISH CUP

Says HARRY ANDREW

A number of things in Scottish football, need de-bunking. And none more than the Scottish Cup.

Thus, with the first round due next Saturday, I am happy to report that a rebellion is brewing. I only hope that this time the rebels have sufficient faith in their convictions to stand up and fight for them.

Briefly, they want an end to a system which gives 14 places in the Scottish Cup proper to the "minnows" of the game. I could not agree more with them.

The trouble with the Scottish Cup is that the truth about it has been obscured by a lot of mumbo-jumbo about the "romance" of the wee clubs. People like to cheer the underdog—and get a tremendous kick out of the thought that, let us say, Peebles Rovers might achieve a thousand—to one chance and knock out a big shot like Celtic.

DISASTROUS

Yet, I tell you straight that happenings of that sort are nothing short of disastrous to the game as a whole. And I will prove it.

Consider the case of Falkirk. They played four Scottish Cup ties last season, one of which—against Celtic—gave them a new ground record.

Yet Falkirk LOST money in the competition.

In the first round, they went to Newton Stewart, and scraped a 2-2 draw. Their share of the gate was £32, which would scarcely pay their travelling expenses. The replay, against unattractive opposition, just covered itself. In the second round they went to Forfar, won 4-2 and collected £67.

Now, Falkirk like half the "A" Division clubs, work on a bare margin. Two or three weeks without reasonable income means the difference between comfort and poverty.

Surely our national competition—a so-called money-spinner—should not threaten the financial future of the clubs taking part in it. Yet it does.

AWAKE OF NIGHTS

Believe me, the danger to some of the shoe-string "B" Division sides keeps their officials awake of nights.

This season we have a good first round. One of the big reasons is that five non-league sides get into the second round. But I see no reason for rejoicing that such as Tariff Rovers, Duns, and Coldstream have been given "walkovers."

Do you know that in the 14 ties of last season's first round, there were only three gates over 10,000 and only one over 20,000? Do you realize that a "full house" at Eyemouth to see Celtic meant 4,000 people?

Get the facts straight. Outside of the "Big Six", no league club in Scotland has a big financial safety margin. But ALL of them have very big commitments. We depend on them for our top class football. Nobody has the right to threaten their existence.

I have nothing against the little clubs. Indeed, we need them, too. But in their proper sphere. And I suggest that is where they should stay. I know the answer. I will get that I am trying to steal all the glamour from the Cup. Well, if two or three thousand people stuck around an out-of-the-way country pitch is glamour—then I am all for the unglamorous reality of big-time football.

FOOTNOTE—The "minnows" haven't even the excuse that they enliven the competition with fairly regular shocks. Indeed, since the war, no non-league side has beaten any team from "A" or "B" Divisions.

—(London Express Service)

HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY RACES

The following are the handicaps for the Third, Ninth and Tenth Races on the third day of the Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club which is to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, January 29:

Race 3—Flyway Handicap Class 4.
1st, 14. M.P.—Blue Bird 14.5, R. C. 15.5, J. 16.5, P. 17.5, S. 18.5, T. 19.5, U. 20.5, V. 21.5, W. 22.5, X. 23.5, Y. 24.5, Z. 25.5.

Race 9—Tally Ho Handicap Class 4.
1st, 11.5. M.P.—Allied Victory 12.5, American 13.5, Carrot 14.5, Ch. 15.5, D. 16.5, E. 17.5, F. 18.5, G. 19.5, H. 20.5, I. 21.5, J. 22.5, K. 23.5, L. 24.5, M. 25.5.

Race 10—Grandstand Handicap Class 4.
1st, 12.5. M.P.—Grandstand 13.5, A. 14.5, B. 15.5, C. 16.5, D. 17.5, E. 18.5, F. 19.5, G. 20.5, H. 21.5, I. 22.5, J. 23.5, K. 24.5, L. 25.5.

Race 11—Maiden Stakes Class 4.
1st, 13.5. M.P.—Maiden 14.5, A. 15.5, B. 16.5, C. 17.5, D. 18.5, E. 19.5, F. 20.5, G. 21.5, H. 22.5, I. 23.5, J. 24.5, K. 25.5.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICES

The Interport Hockey series against Macao, the "piece d' resistance" for local stick-wielders every year will commence next Wednesday, February 3, at the Army Ground, Sookunpoo, and extend over a period of two days.

On Wednesday, the Macao Schoolboys will clash with the local Schoolboys at 2.30 p.m. and following this game, Rest of Macao will play Rest of Hongkong at 4 p.m.

On Thursday on the same ground, the Ladies from both Colonies will meet at 2.30 p.m. and this is followed by the male feature—the Hongkong v. Macao Men's Interport—at 4 p.m.

On Thursday evening at the Strydom, commencing at 8 p.m., the Interport Dinner Dance will be held.

Final practice matches for both men and women have been arranged for Sunday on the Army Ground, Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m. (Ladies) and 4 p.m. (Men) and the following are the selections for the respective teams:

Men's
Hongkong: — Poulah (Argonauts), Bhagat Singh (Nav Bharat), Nery (Recreio), Captain, Forde (Army), Peters (Army), Chelaco (Recreio), Gardner (Y.M.C.A.), Martens (Recreio), Jr. Remedios (Recreio), De Cruz (Army), Anthony (RN).

Rest of Hongkong:—Bosali (Army), Rest (Recreio), Koly (Army), Viora (Recreio), Yusuf (Thunderbolts), Captain, Andrews (RAF), Van Steenberg (Dutch), Hend (Police), Ditta (Thunderbolts), Ebrahim (Thunderbolts), Osano (Recreio).

Reserves to attend: Couto (Argonauts), L. Gutierrez (Recreio), Harris (Recreio), Soares (Nav Bharat), Wahay (Thunderbolts).

Ladies
Hongkong:—Lim (D.G.S.), Lambooy (K.G.V.), Reed (Victorians), Ramsey (K.G.V.), Alonso (Recreio), Ferreira (Recreio), Hall (K.G.V.), Hewson (K.G.V.), Hale (K.G.V.), Captain, Adams (Victorians), Correa (Recreio).

The following Rest of the Colony Ladies team have been selected to play the Colony team:—

Reece, Stokes-Perkins, Bones, Handyside, Richards, Gamble-Lay, Calverley, Stokes, Noronha, Oel, Oel.

The umpires selected for the Interport matches are as follows:—

Schoolboys—Fit Lt. E. J. Cordon; Rest of Colonies—J. B. Goncalves; Ladies—Makan Singh; Macao v. Hongkong—Ma A. C. A. Walker.

John Bromwich Beats Trabert In Five-Set Match
Sydney, Jan. 26. Veteran John Bromwich of Australia scored a stunning second-round upset over American champion Tony Trabert today, 1-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the Australian National Tennis Championships.

In other second-round matches 17-year-old Ashley Cooper of Melbourne followed up his first-round defeat of the Davis Cup player, Clive Wicksteed, by beating Bill Gilmour, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; Rex Hartwig trounced Juan Grinda of France, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; and Ken Rosewall defeated Abe Segal of South Africa, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

Another player to qualify for the quarter-finals of the men's singles was the Wimbledon champion, Vic Seixas, who beat Neale Fraser, Australia, 9-7, 8-0, 7-5 in the quarter-finals.

Melvyn Rose, Australia, beat Bob Perry, United States, by 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-0.

DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS

Trabert and Vic Seixas, playing with the co-ordinated brilliance that marked their triumph in the Davis Cup doubles, moved to the semi-final of the doubles with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Billy Knight and Tony Pickard.

America's other doubles tandem of Ham Richardson and Bob Perry lost out in their quarter-final match to Australia's top-seeded combine of Melvyn Rose and Rex Hartwig, 6-4, 12-10, 6-3.

Other results:
Women's doubles quarter-finals—Mervyn Wipplinger and Mrs. H. Radin-Smith of South Africa beat Mrs. V. Muller and Miss D. Sedgley of Australia, 6-1, 6-0; and Mrs. G. Hawton and Miss E. G. G. of Canada, beat Mrs. K. G. G. and Mrs. J. G. G. of England, 6-1, 6-0.

Men's doubles quarter-finals:—Mervyn Rose and Rex Hartwig beat Billy Knight and Tony Pickard, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

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TREATED WORST BY THEIR OWN COUNTRYMEN

Bonn. Seven thousand German inmates of a Communist prison at Bautzen, in the Soviet zone of Germany, staged two revolts against their Red rulers—one on March 13, the other on March 31 last year. This was revealed by prisoners who were set free by the recent amnesty in East Germany.

And they told the astonishing tale of how their Communist German countrymen who guarded them were "worse torturers than any Russian we have ever seen."

"The Russians who had sentenced us gave us better food

and treated us better than the German Communist People's Police," said one released prisoner, who—like all of them—refused to have his name published.

"When the Germans took over the real bad times began," said a woman. "We had our hair cut off and had to go around bald-headed—because they would not allow us to wear anything on our heads."

"The row we made could be heard miles away. The people of Bautzen heard us; they climbed on the roofs of their houses, and signalled to us with bed clothes."

"When the People's Police moved in, however, the revolt was soon over."

"They knocked us about so badly that over a hundred of us had broken bones. The cells were smeared with blood."

"Two weeks later, the next revolt broke out and was suppressed like the first one."

"We thought we would never get out of that gaol alive. But then the Russians released us."

All of the returned prisoners were sentenced by Russian tribunals after the war for espionage, sabotage, and other "anti-state" charges.—London Express Service.

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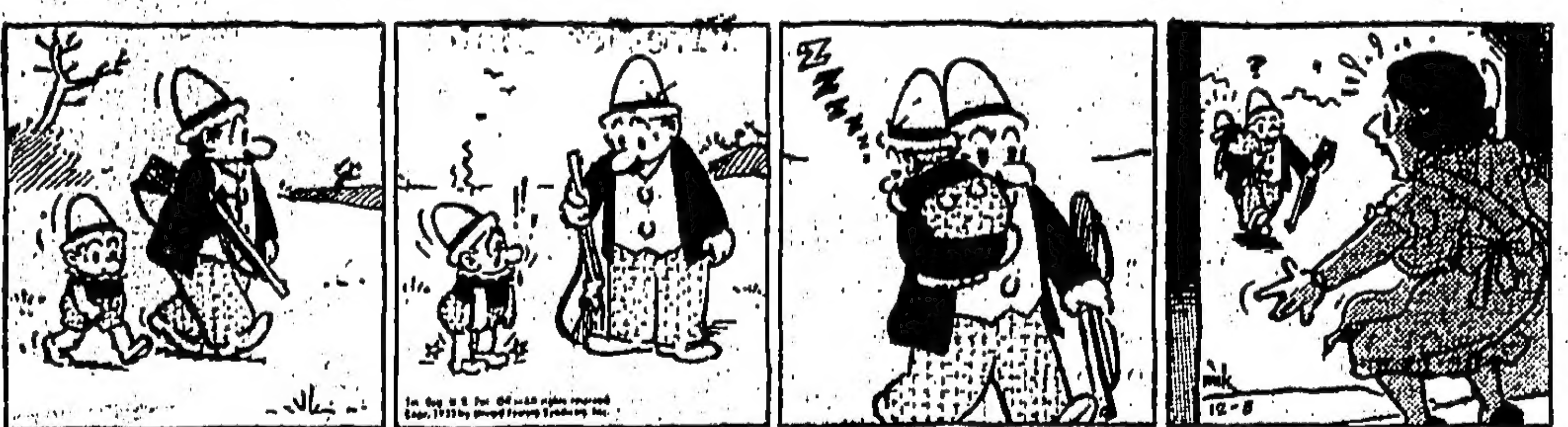
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A Change for the Brighter and Better in the Satellites:

Now Even Charwomen Go To The Cosmetic Shop Behind The Iron Curtain

Vienna Jan. 26.

In the cultural and social life of the People's Democracies, as the Communist-dominated states of Eastern Europe are called, the "puritanical" or "austerity" phase seems to be ending as increasing demand is made for more pleasure, more liberty and more voluptuousness.

As in every revolution, immediately after the taking over of power in these pleasure-loving lands of Eastern Europe, the iconoclasts were in the saddle. Their task was to destroy all traces of capitalist manners, dress and art.

Men wore cloth caps and open-neck shirts, with no ties. Women were not allowed to use lipstick, to have their hair permanently waved, or to wear any clothes which were elegant or becoming.

American dance music was especially condemned. Folk songs and Soviet Russian music were prohibited.

But music in general was little encouraged and lectures, conferences, work and production were the order of the day.

That this is not entirely over is seen, in, for example, an article in the Hungarian Trade Union newspaper "Nepszava" as recently as December 24, 1953, which reported that a Mrs. R. Gabor, described as an expert in labour relations, was dismissed without notice from the Budapest Timber Wholesale Works Council because "she colours her lips, has pretty bourgeois manners and neglects her work."

But signs of the change to a less austere attitude are becoming increasingly abundant. Thus, for example, during December, the Czechoslovak Vice-Premier, Mr. Václav Kopecký, Minister of Culture, told the Communist Central Committee that "many comrades who are responsible for cultural policy have a wrong idea about art, cultural life and social life."

"They think that the advent of Socialism means that people cease to be human beings with normal joys, desires, passions, hobbies and needs, and become mere machines for the reception of nothing but theses, formulae, stereotyped phrases and so on."

"Under Socialism . . ."

"These dried up minds think under socialism all forms of culture and amusement should cease to exist. That, for instance, popular operas, operettas and ballets must not be performed, that satire and variety humour must stop, that people must not dance, and that under socialism good taste, elegant dress, footwear and furniture are not fashionable."

"These people think it incompatible with the spirit of socialist culture if a love affair or a family affair is the subject of a play, a film, a novel or a poem. They regard as socialist art only plays, films, novels and poems which ram spoonfuls of ideology down people's throats."

All reports indicate that this attitude is changing. The People's Democratic regimes have substituted for the former gay, Bohemian life of Prague, is true also of Budapest and Bucharest.

Mr. Kopecký demanded that this situation in Czechoslovakia should be changed. He mentioned that a film entitled "Holiday with an Angel" which had been condemned outright by the Czech newspaper, "Literární Noviny," as being "petty bourgeois, superficial and lacking in reality," had been highly praised in a long article in the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda," as a "successful comedy."

He suggested that the Czechoslovak Communists should not try to be more zealous than their models, the Russians.

In Hungary, too, it is comparatively new, for example, which has led to a realisation that "puritanism" has gone too far in Budapest.

Thus, in "Nepszava" recently, an article described how the Soviet Stakhanovite weaver, Natalia Dublaga, twice decorated with the Order of Lenin, apologised for being late at a meeting she had to give in Budapest, because "today the hairdresser and cosmetic people do not finish quickly enough."

Medium Shade

"Indeed," the writer added, "Dublaga had beautiful, fair hair and a fresh complexion. Her hair was delicately pinned and she used a medium shade of red."

She said that at home she always wore the best dress she owned and that she

was more than rewarded for her long wait when the Queen stopped and chatted to her.—Central Press.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BROADENING THE SPHERE OF

US Wants To Sell More Tobacco In Far East

Washington, Jan. 25. The Agriculture Department announced today that two tobacco specialists would go to the Far East soon to study ways of promoting the marketing of American tobacco.

The two will visit Hongkong, Japan and the Philippines.

They are Mr. George W. Thomas, Director of the Tobacco and Tropical Products Division of the Foreign Agricultural Service, and Mr. James Thigpen, Director of the Tobacco Division of the Commodity Stabilization Service.

They left on Saturday for a tour of several European countries to discuss "ways of overcoming problems which have retarded exports of United States tobacco."

The Department did not say how long they would be in Europe, but afterwards they would go direct to the Far East "to explore all possible means to promote the marketing of United States tobacco."

They will also "devote particular attention to the problems of international tobacco trade and how to solve them."

Malayan Miners Favour Tin Agreement

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 26. European tin miners favoured the restrictive international tin agreement the Malayan Government announced today in making public the results of a poll.

The Government said 68.3 per cent of the tin industry favoured the agreement, 29.9 per cent opposed it and 1.8 per cent abstained from voting.

The poll was based on the amount of tin produced in 1952. The Government announced that its mines' officers will tomorrow introduce a bill into the Federal Legislative Council asking His Majesty's Government in Britain to sign the agreement on behalf of the Federation of Malaya.

The proposed bill says the international tin agreement would be "in the interests of the Federation."

Smaller Rice Purchases From Thailand

Singapore, Jan. 26. British territories in South-east Asia will buy 276,000 tons of rice from Thailand during the first nine months of this year, leader of the British delegation Mr. I. R. M. Willis, announced on his return here.

Mr. Willis is Deputy Director of Commerce and Industry in Singapore.

Last year, Singapore, Malaya, Hongkong, Sarawak and North Borneo received 320,000 tons of rice from Thailand.

The price was reported to be "lower than last year's," although no figure was given.

The Thai Government, however, was said to be retaining its export duty on rice, still in spite of efforts to sell more grain.

Big Trade Fair In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 26. Japanese trade will exhibit their goods in a big fair here next May, a Chinese business man, Ong Kah Lok, announced.

Mr. Ong has been associated with the fair, and promises to make it "the finest of its kind."

Mr. Ong said the fair will be held in the Singapore Sports Ground, and will last for two weeks, from May 1 to May 14.

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STERLING TRADE Whitehall Seeks To Extend E.P.U. System

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

London, Jan. 26.

Even before the Commonwealth Finance Ministers met in Sydney, the Treasury apparently felt that Britain's—and even the Sterling Area's—balance of trade with the United States was about as healthy as it was likely to become.

It was, furthermore, authoritatively suggested in Whitehall that the balance of trade with the rest of the world was equally important. This contrasted with earlier assertions made by public figures that the dollar trade was all-important.

Following the Sydney Conference, it is obvious that what Whitehall thought yesterday the rest of the Commonwealth—or most of it—thinks today. It is generally accepted, at any rate, that the sterling area's trade with non-dollar and non-sterling areas is just as important as dollar trade, and must now be driven ahead by any means.

Australia Must Buy More From Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, today urged that steps be taken to increase Australian buying from Japan to offset heavy Japanese purchases from Australia.

Mr. Okazaki stated this in a message to the British-owned "Japan News" in an Australia Day trade supplement.

Referring to Australia and New Zealand's large wool, wheat and dairy product exports to Japan, Mr. Okazaki said: "Unfortunately, however, our exports to Australia and New Zealand have been relatively small, making it impossible for us now to import as much from them as before. It is therefore our hope that steps will be taken this year to rectify this situation."

We now turn, therefore, to the consolidation, rather than the elimination, of economic blocs. This is a programme that will hit India, Pakistan and Ceylon hardest if they are not helped most energetically by the other Commonwealth partners. These countries need development capital desperately. They will only, on present form, get it if the rest of the Commonwealth either donates itself correspondingly or works correspondingly harder to earn and create capital.

There may be more far-reaching consequences in Europe. The European Payments Union was renewed for another year to reassure the European countries that Britain would not plunge into convertibility on her own and leave them in the lurch.

GERMAN CONVERTIBILITY

Now that convertibility is further away for Britain, the restraints that have held Germany back in this regard are less cogent. It must be expected that Dr. Adenauer will rampage ahead. It is possible that Germany and Belgium will emerge as the two countries of Europe with freely convertible currencies, enjoying many of the advantages of reciprocal tariff concessions with the USA which the Randall Report proposes.

A consequence could be disaster for the European Payments Union and it will not be surprising if a substitute is sought.

One of Whitehall's ideas is to extend the E.P.U. system to embrace some Latin American countries that now experience dollar difficulties like the sterling area. Brazil is a natural candidate.

Here a kind of economic Monroe Doctrine might well come into play. Feelers and exchanges with Brazil on this problem a year ago caused instant reaction in Washington. Mr. Adenauer's Ministers of the American administration sped southward to revive goodwill and good neighbourliness. For, obviously, a British recovery of trade in Latin America could not automatically command universal American approval.

Any while those who stay in E.P.U. will do well to consider extending it to Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the West Indies.

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Soviet Oil For Argentina

Buenos Aires, Jan. 26. The first shipments of 7,500 tons of Soviet aviation petrol and 4,500 tons of crude oil are expected to arrive here in February, usually reliable sources said here.

It is understood that the equivalent of \$80 and \$30.12 per ton, part of Buenos Aires, respectively, were the prices paid.

The purchases were made under the terms of the trade treaty of 1947 between the Soviet Union and Argentina, providing for Soviet export to Argentina of 500,000 tons of crude oil and \$500,000 worth of petrol by-products.—China Mail Special.

UK-Australian Talks On Meat Buying

London, Jan. 26.

Anglo-Australian talks on the prospects of a switch-over from bulk buying of meat to trader-trader purchases will begin in London this week, a British Ministry of Food spokesman said today.

The spokesman declined to give details of the talks but added that an official statement was likely to be made later today.

The Australian Meat Board delegation to the talks is headed by Mr. J. L. Shute, Chairman of the Board. He wants to establish machinery satisfactory to both governments but declined to say whether trader-to-trader purchases will mean that meat in Britain would cost less.

The conference will work out details for a changeover from "Government to Government" trading and ensure that a fair minimum price is set for Australian meat producers.

Government-to-Government trading in meat between Britain and Australia began in October 1939.

The Australian mission includes the Acting Manager of the Board, a Federal Government representative and an envoy of the meat producers. They arrived on Friday, January 22.

Britain and Australia signed a 15-year meat agreement on October 11, 1951. It became effective from 1952. The agreement stipulated that if the purchase of Australian meat was returned to private trade, both governments were to make such arrangements as would enable them to meet their obligations under the pact.—China Mail Special.

Aerial Survey Of Pakistan To Be Extended

London, Jan. 26.

The \$2 million aerial survey contract undertaken in Pakistan by the Photographic Survey Corporation, Ltd., of Canada, is to be substantially extended, it was officially stated here.

The extension, arranged at the request of the Pakistani Government, provides for the aerial photography of 140,000 square miles of territory and for a survey of agricultural land and soils over all areas of present or potential agricultural interest.

The original contract, announced in August 1952, had been described as probably the greatest natural resources inventory ever undertaken—spanning four years in time and 165,000 square miles in space.

It was given to the Photographic Survey Corporation, Limited, by the Canadian Government as part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan.

It involved 42,000 square miles of aerial mapping for land improvement, projects and 123,000 square miles of geological mapping.

The new extension will complete the photographic coverage of the whole of West Pakistan, an area of about 305,000 square miles, about one half of the total area of the country.

The contract provides for Pakistani agricultural and soil scientists to co-operate with survey scientists of the Photographic Survey Corporation, based in Toronto, and in Pakistan with the local parties.

Since the original contract began in October 1952, about 200,000 square miles have been photographed.

With three more extensions it is anticipated that the photographic coverage will be completed in March.—China Mail Special.

New Convertibility Move

London, Jan. 25.

The likelihood of a new move to make the pound sterling convertible is being canvassed in financial circles here. A fortnight ago the dollar rate for transferable sterling in the unofficial New York market rose to 2.78 to the Pound.

This is within the tolerated range for officially approved dollar-sterling conversions, so that the change from unofficial to official convertibility would appear to be only a formality as far as transferable sterling is concerned.

More recently the dollar rate for transferable sterling has fallen away. It seems that the market was disappointed that no decision for immediate action was taken at the Sydney Conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

This, however, was never a possibility. Britain is still a member of the European Payments Union, of which the rules prescribe a partial convertibility that would become unworkable if sterling were fully convertible. The Union has a lease of life which expires at the end of June, and it seems likely that the next move towards convertibility may be expected then.

A clue as to the form which this may take is provided by the Treasury action in tightening export controls on consignments to the Lebanon. The Lebanon is a normal place of entry for British goods consigned to Iran and the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms. In the last two years these territories have gained wealth from oil royalties, and they have also been active in arbitrage between the sterling and the dollar world.

Although contrary to exchange control rules, this arbitrage has hitherto been tolerated by the British authorities, and their decision to tighten up at this stage may be significant.

RESIDENT STERLING

The point is that they have chosen to tighten up on consignments to Lebanon, that is, sterling owned by residents of the sterling area. From this it may be inferred that the new move to convertibility does not give any extra freedom to residents of the sterling area. The plan seems to be to make all non-resident sterling convertible so that there will be only one foreign exchange rate for sterling used for current transactions.

With this important step pending in the monetary field it will not be surprising if London markets develop an irregular tone in the months ahead.

The successful achievement of sterling convertibility would provide a great stimulus to business, but the actual operation is technically very difficult and confidence is bound to be uncertain until it is safely over.

Another factor of uncertainty concerns the composition of the British Government. It is thought unlikely that Sir Winston Churchill will make his retirement for many weeks more. Mr. Anthony Eden is generally regarded as the obvious successor, but the change of office and the reconstruction of the Cabinet which this would entail may lead to some uncertainty in official policy at a time when the monetary position is so delicate.

Viewing the monetary position from a different angle, convertibility is particularly wanted by the Commonwealth countries.

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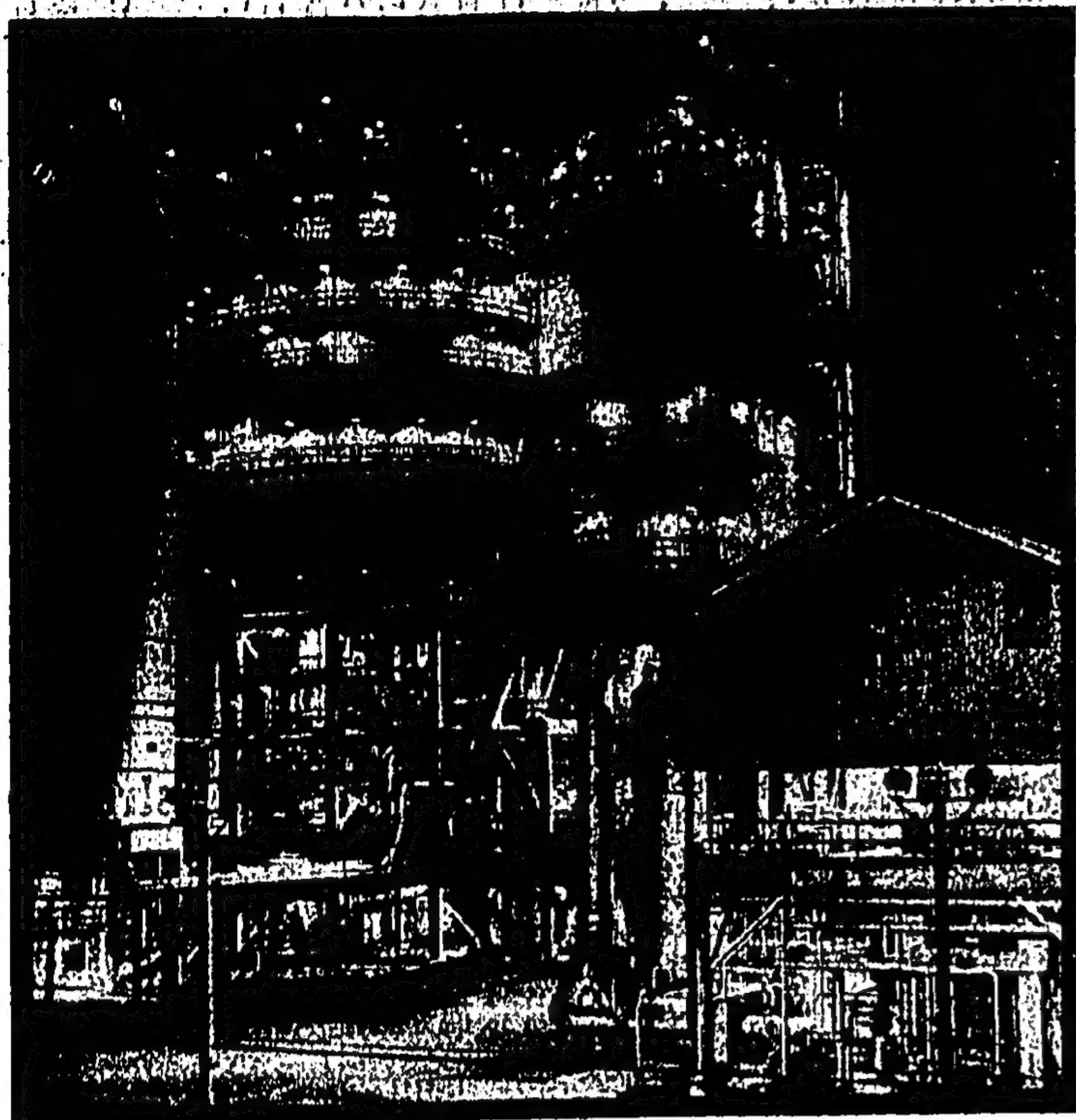
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The refinery by night. The oil is refined 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



With the great "cat-cracker" in the background, two oilmen discuss their problems. Gilbert Granger (right) is an operator on the "cat-cracker," which produces 600,000 gallons of premium petrol daily. Mr. H. A. Woodford works on the distillation plan.



The hands turning this valve wheel are those of a fine organist, Stillman John Woolnough. He has two organs in his home at Fawley.



To make sure that every one of the daily 1,500,000 gallons is up to standard, samples are tapped off frequently for chemical testing. Mr. J. Morris at work in the laboratory.

Puzzle—Find The Petrol Mail Notices

The process is invisible — yet 1,500,000 gallons a day flow through the refinery. And the tax man has an office in the works to collect £187,500 a day

By JAMES STUART

A MILLION and a half gallons of petrol flow every day from the vast Esso refinery at Fawley, on Southampton Water, the biggest in Britain. Yet in all the 1,000 acres I saw only enough petrol to drive a car two or three miles.

Making petrol at Fawley is a never-ending 24 hours a day, seven days a week process. It is also an invisible one.

Ocean-going tankers bring the crude oil from the Middle East — mostly from Kuwait — and when they tie up at Fawley jetty, the oil is pumped straight into 10,000-ton storage tanks. From these it is piped through the giant distillation plants and for high-grade petrol, through the 250ft. high "cat-cracker."

Tiny samples

When it comes out as petrol it is piped to storage tanks and again pumped into tankers which carry away nearly all the Fawley-produced petrol to depots on the Thames at Avonmouth and other ports.

All that was visible of the day's 1,500,000 gallons were the tiny samples tapped off every hour, sometimes every half-hour, and taken to the refinery's laboratories for testing.

One and a half million gallons mean 1,500,000 half-crowns every day for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Customs and Excise officials have an office at Fawley to make sure that Mr Butler receives his daily £187,500.

"We are like a bonded warehouse," said Mr Reg Young, an assistant to the refinery manager, Dr Frank Mayo. "The tax has to be paid before the petrol can be moved unless it is going to another bonded store."

There has been an oil refinery at Fawley since soon after the 1914-18 war. But the new refinery whose gleaming silver-painted towers and tanks rise high above Southampton Water and fringe upon the New Forest, was opened two years ago.

It cost £37,500,000; it saves Britain 2,000,000 dollars every week.

Like symbols of the never-ending flow of petrol are Fawley's famous flames. From the tops of the 200ft. "exhaust pipes" the flames burn day and night, using up the overflow gas, sometimes streaming out 60ft. or more.

Man's world

Petrol production is a man's world. No women are engaged in the actual operation.

Fawley employs 2,855 people, but only 800 men are plant operators. And as these are split up into three shifts one gets the impression that besides being an invisible process, making petrol is virtually automatic, too.

In charge of the operations of the great "cat-cracker" — catalytic cracking plant — which gives British motorists over 600,000 gallons of "Extra" spirit daily, is 27-year-old Ted Jeffers, who went into oil after getting his B.Sc. in chemical engineering at the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington.

Mr Jeffers, who spent six months in America to learn the process of "cracking down" crude oil into petrol, took me in the lift to the seventh "floor" of the "cat-cracker."

As we walked out on the gangway, Jeffers explained to me that the first "cat-cracker" was a small laboratory model in America. "The process is exactly the same as in the laboratory," he said. "Cat-crackers went almost straight from the laboratory size to this size," he added.



At Fawley's 1,000-acre refinery there are hundreds of miles of pipes to be kept in order. Here two maintenance men are dismantling a section in the old plant.



Only 800 men out of Fawley's 2,855 workers are engaged on actual petrol production. The rest are maintenance men, laboratory workers, or on the clerical or administrative staff. Here are some of the clerical or administrative staff. In the foreground is 31-year-old Miss Pamela Downes, of Southampton.

The "cracking" plant runs non-stop for just over a year. Then the overhaul is a four-week job by 750 men.

An oilman in charge of distillation during his shift, I found 52-year-old Bill Storer, who worked for 14 years as a coal-miner in Nottinghamshire. He has been at Fawley just over 20 years.

"I have a son aged 25 who is an electrician in the Bahrain oilfields. He used to be here at Fawley and had a better start in life than I had."

Star turn

Bill Storer, I was told, is the star "turn" at billiards among the Fawley men. And he used to be a fine footballer. "I did have the chance to sign as a professional for Mansfield Town when I was 18" he said; "But I didn't."

Stillman in the "old refinery" is 60-year-old John Woolnough. He was born on Southampton

Water at Exbury only four miles from Fawley and still carries in his pocket his discharge from the merchant navy even though that was in 1922.

Working in the drawing office, on plans of pipelines and apparatus are three girls, Mrs Eileen Love, Mrs Margaret Sougneux and Miss Dee Hiscoc.

A Yorkshire girl, Mrs Love worked for an engineering firm before joining Esso four years ago. Her work at Fawley is all technical drawing but she is an accomplished painter, actress and musician.

In Esso's own cinema, and theatre a five-nights performance was shown of Jack and the Beanstalk with Eileen Love as Principal Boy. "We usually do a pantomime, a musical show and three or four plays a year," she told me. "In July we are going to do an open-air performance of Much Ado About Nothing in the cloisters of Baulieu Abbey. That is our first venture into Shakespeare."

Workers in "Oil town" have their own rifle club and sailing club. Mr Horace Parker, steward at the clubhouse, was formerly chief steward of the Queen Mary. He was a steward at the Yalta conference, and was given a bottle of vodka by Mr Molotov.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Home From The Sea

FOR some time after his marriage came apart, James carried on with his job. But he went about it with less enthusiasm as a man on his own than he had done as a husband. There seemed less at stake.

When he lost the job it did not seem to matter very much.

In search of simple amusements, one idle day, James came up to the West End, from his parents' home in South London, and in a bar near Piccadilly Circus, met a man of about his own age, 25, for whom he rapidly developed the greatest admiration. For this man told James he was a fool ever to work again for his living.

EASY MONEY

"LOOK here," said James's new friend, and pulled a fat wad of £5 notes from his pocket. "You don't think I got this lot by working, do you? You want to earn a bit?"

He led James to a quiet corner and whispered to him at some length. Presently, James set off to earn himself a wad of folding money the easy way.

He wandered down the Haymarket, turned into a side-street, and there saw what he was after. A car with the ignition-key in place. The door to the driving seat was open too.

James slipped into the car, switched on the engine, and drove quickly away.

He drove only to the next street. There, he parked the car by the kerb and climbed out. A prosperous-looking man strolled past.

PLAINCLOTHES CUSTOMER

"PSST," said James, who is a lean six-footer, with a medal for gallantry, won in the Navy. "Psst, want to buy a car?"

The passer-by stopped, looked promisingly interested. "How much?" he asked.

"Er...um..." James had forgotten to inquire the current price for stolen cars of this particular model. "Give me ten quid for it," he said.

The stranger put his hand in his pocket. But he brought out, instead of a wallet, a business-like-looking notebook. "I'm a police officer," he said. "I'd like a look at the car's logbook, please."

The CID man, for such James's prospective customer turned out to be, took him to the police station. Next morning, at Bow Street, James pleaded guilty to stealing the car. He was remanded for inquiries to be made, and for the probation officer to see him.

OVERSPENDING

WHEN next James was brought into the dock, and the police had declared he had no previous convictions, Mr Badger, the probation officer, went into the witness-box.

"This man has not paid the £10 maintenance order to his wife since last July," he said.

"But I have a letter here which suggests the wife is not pressing for payment."

"You mean there may be a reconciliation?" Mr Reece asked hopefully.

"No, not that, I'm afraid," Mr Badger said with a sigh. "I think this young man's difficulties do probably arise from the disruption of his matrimonial affairs."

He is a little drift, without an anchorage. There's a tendency to overspend on drink at week-ends. He has been borrowing money from friends."

RAD COMPANY

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked James. "You seem the sort of person who doesn't honour his obligations."

"It was this bloke who showed me the big roll of notes and said 'you don't want to work'." James said ruefully. "Reckon I must've got into bad company."

"Well, I should give gentlemen with rolls of notes a wide berth," said Mr Reece. "They don't lead anywhere, you know."

He put James on probation, and the young man who had done so well as a sailor at sea, went off to make fast to the moorings the probation officer would provide. Moorings against the tricky tides and currents that beset a man in London who is on his own and inclined to drift.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

By Air

Canada, 1 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

By Surface

America, 1 p.m.
India, 5 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

By Air

India, Ceylon, 5 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Japan, Noon.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 5 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 5.30 a.m.
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